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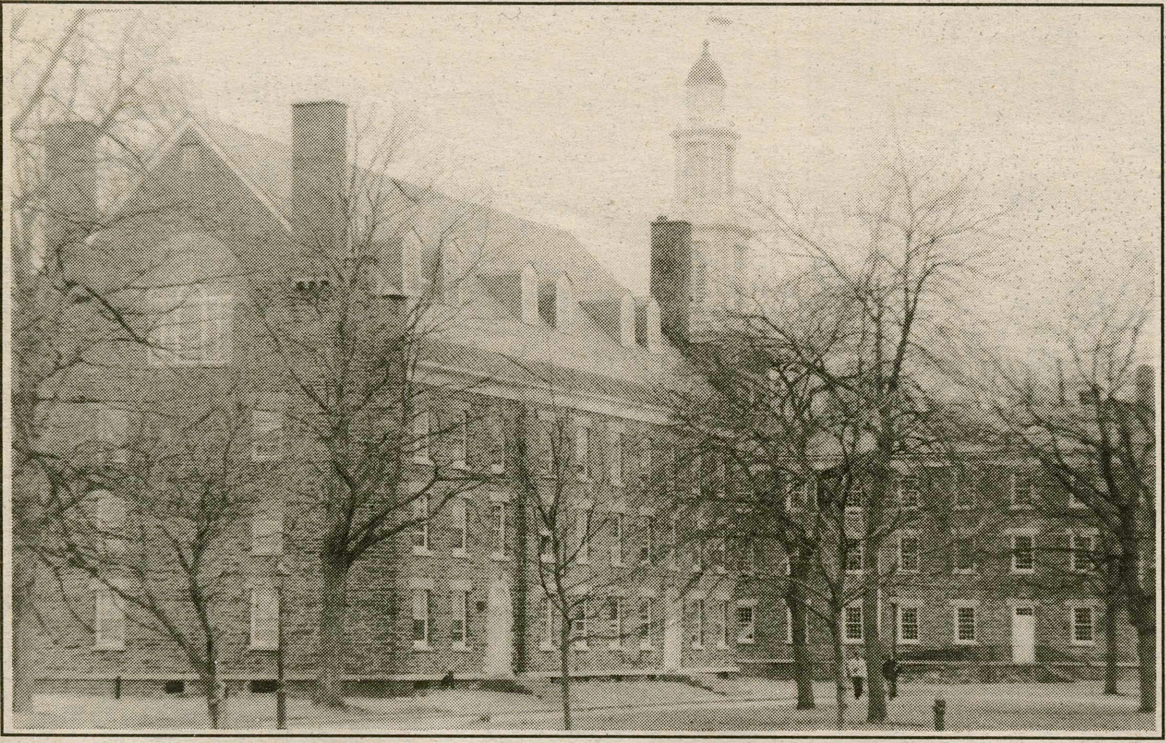

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

As April draws near, signs of Spring begin to show on the main quad.

Powell to inaugurate Great Names series to a full house

BY JOE WILLETT '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

With Retired General Colin Powell's visit to Hamilton a week-end away event organizers are strongly encouraging those planning to attend the general's speech to arrive early.

Powell, the former Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff under Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, will speak in the Margaret Bundy Field House at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1. The event is free to the public.

"He's expected to speak for 40-45 minutes," said coordinator Tom Brush. "After which the audience will be able to ask questions for twenty minutes. It's important that people arrive early so that they are not disappointed." The speech comes after a 6:15 reception for the General at Rogers Estate. Although no one knows what his speech will cover, the general did ask for some points to discuss. Upon the request, Brush and other support staff sent material concerning the liberal arts and Hamilton.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and no tickets are required. Reserved seating is available for Hamilton students who must bring their IDs to get admitted to these sections. Students are advised to arrive early in order to get seats because the event's coordinators expect a capacity crowd of 5,000 to 5,200 people. At 7:00 p.m., doors open to the public. At that time, reserved student seating becomes available to everyone.

The College will provide additional parking in the Physical Plant

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Tuition to rise 4.6 percent next year

Financial woes and operating costs cited

BY TOM AYRES '98
NEWS EDITOR

The cost of attending Hamilton will rise by 4.6 percent as the Board of Trustees approved an increase in student charges three weeks ago. As a result, parents and students will pay $1,200 more than last year for a total of $27,150.

After regularly boosting tuition by 9 to 11 percent in the late 80s and early 90s, this year's raise is the lowest in fifteen years. Hamilton's increase is average compared to its peer institutions, which experienced hikes of between 9.2 and 2.8 percent.

With tuition increases continuing to outpace the rate of inflation - currently at 2.5 percent - and the specter of the $30,000 mark looming larger each year, some students wonder why their educational dollar buys less each year.

During his four years senior Josh Paulson has seen tuition and fees inexorably rise 20 percent, with no perceptible improvement in educational services. "I don't see our tuition going back into things that impact directly on us."

President Tobin defended the $1,000 increase in tuition and fees and the $200 hike in room and board charges on the grounds that the costs of operating the College - faculty and staff salaries, financial aid, technology upgrades - rise more quickly than the cost of living. "The increased technology needs and our commitment to instruction by providing quality professors are paramount if we are to maintain and survive."

"Increasingly, Hamilton is having to use its own resources to improve the quality and diversity of the student body," added Tobin. "The additional revenue is necessary to offset significant reductions in state and federal financial aid, not to mention declines in family incomes and more single-parent families."

With the gap between family discretionary spending and tuition fees widening, Tobin points out that the College has been increasing its own financial aid expenditures by 9 percent per year, meaning that net tuition spending has actually decreased.

Sixty percent of students currently receive some kind of financial aid in the way of jobs, loans, scholarships, and grants. Actual aid from the College is approaching 50 percent and, according to incoming-stu-

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Societies rekindle flames of protest one year later

BY ALEX SLATER '99
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Outside Buttrick on the morning of March 2nd, students representing several private societies passionately tried to persuade some of the members of the Board of Trustees that feelings on campus about the Res. Life decision still run very high.

Interviews with President Gene Tobin; Beverly Low, Director of Student Activities; Rebecca Reed-Kantrowitz, Director of Residential Life; and Jan Coates, Dean of Students, show that the Administration's views on the Residential Life Decision are just as strong as many students at Hamilton.

One year later

"I am very pleased with our progress to date," observed President Tobin. "Last summer's focus on creating new residential and social spaces, along with the recent opening of the Little Pub, have been well received."

Bev Low echoes this sentiment. She feels that new options have opened for many Hamilton students this year, and that isolation from campus of certain groups caused by the use of fraternity houses has been eliminated. Tobin, who believes that the houses provided fraternities the possibility of lessened contact with the campus, emphasizes that the removal of fraternity living rights was part of a movement to create a closer community and empower students.

"We were trying to provide equality of social and housing option for all students and in the application

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Feminist writer Faludi lectures in chapel

BY BARI ALTBERG '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Noted feminist Susan Faludi delivered a lecture entitled "Whose Backlash is it Anyway?: The Women's Movement and Angry White Men," to a packed audience in the Chapel yesterday evening.

A Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author of the recent book *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against Women*, Faludi discussed the rising counterattacks against the feminist movement and the media's reactions to it.

She described the reaction she faced after publishing a piece in the *New Yorker* about Shannon Faulkner's battle to gain admission into the Citadel, South Carolina's all-male military school. Though she was objective and examined all aspects of the events leading up to Faulkner's brief stay at the Citadel, Faludi drew criticism from school officials who described her article as biased, although some of them admitted to not having read it.

A *Charleston Currier and Post* editorial described it as a "mean spirited, heavy handed attack that could generate negative publicity for the city."

Faludi described this as typical of the media which views issues as having two opposite sides without room for compromise. Because of this tendency, it has turned a blind eye toward the feminist movement. She said most prominent feminists of the 1990s are part of the "I'm a feminist, but..." movement. Its members, said Faludi, claim to support feminist issues, but in fact echo the rhetoric of conservative white males.

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist speaks to attentive listeners.

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News

Mexican democracy is discussed

By Aleksandr Voninski '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

This past Wednesday, the Latin American Studies Program hosted a talk by well-renowned Tulane University Professor Rodney Camp who led a discussion entitled, "Mexico's Uncertain Path to Democracy," which highlighted many of the different economic and political events that are helping to shape Mexico.

Mexico, which has long faced severe economic difficulties, is now in its 15th month with a President that is helping to decentralize authority in Mexico's government. President Zedillos, of the long ruling PRI party, is currently presiding over a country in the midst of great turmoil.

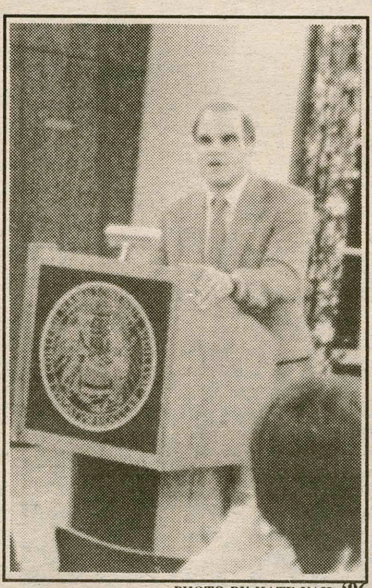
The massive devaluation of the Mexican Peso has had an enormous effect on the economy and foreign relations. The assassination of the presidential candidate of a leading party last year has added greatly to the overwhelming sense of insecurity, coupled with increasing crime and corruption, Mexico has numerous destabilizing factors which in turn may bring about great political change.

Adding to the destabilization of Mexico is the crises concerning the indigenous peoples of southern Mexico who resent the government's political and economic policies and have clashed with army troops. Also, the growing anti-immigrant stance in the U.S. has helped fuel nationalism in Mexico, which in turn can be a driving force for change.

The current Zedillos administration is different from past PRI administrations. The current government is tolerant of opposing political views, thus the National Action Party (PAN), has grown in strength and has had numerous victories over the PRI, particularly in Baja California.

The Zedillos administration is composed of mostly technocrats and foreign educated people from Mexico City. These Cabinet members are increasingly coming from economic and financial sectors and are not predominantly lawyers, like the those of past administrations.

Professor Camp believes that democracy may depend on what occurs economically rather than politically. He says it is a mixed bag wether NAFTA has had any major political effect on Mexican politics, yet with many destabilizing factors in society and positive government change coming from the only controlling political party in Mexico, it is clear that change is occurring. Whether these changes will lead to democracy remains to be seen.



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Rodney Camp discusses economic and political events.

Dole gets the nod, Buchanan and Perot threaten third party runs

By Matt Nolan '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The last two weeks have seen Republican senator Bob Dole collect the delegates he needs to win the party's presidential nomination this August in San Diego, California. With Forbes, Alexander, and Lugar all bowing out of the race following the Super Tuesday primaries, Dole is left with right winger Pat Buchanan as his sole opponent.

While Buchanan has admitted he is now unlikely to receive the nomination in June, the former Nixon speech writer and political pundit continues to push his conservative agenda. Buchanan has yet to rule out a third party run if he is not appeased by the higher-ups in the Republican party. The strength of support he receives from the Christian Right will be the deciding factor. In the meantime Buchanan is holding back from fully endorsing Dole for the presidency as he apparently weighs his options.

It would appear that Buchanan will remain in the race at least through the August convention. His speech at that time could, once again, be one of great importance. Moreover, his last appearance at the Republican National Convention in Dallas during the 1992 campaign sparked much controversy as he called for a holy war on the enemies of traditional American values.

Dole meanwhile has turned his focus to the Clinton White House and is taking shots at the President's record. Yet the Dole campaign still seems to lack the intensity and the fire that a winner will need in order to take the oval office from the incumbent president in November. With the fiery and spirited campaign that Buchanan continues to run, plus the threat of another Perot candidacy, Dole will have to look over his shoulder in the coming weeks.

H. Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire whose last run at the presidency in 1992 caused considerable uproar among voters. It was in no small part Perot's candidacy that helped Clinton take the White House with only 43% of the vote. In the meantime Perot has fostered the development of United We Stand America, a grass roots organization, and the Reform party, a new fangled and yet untested party.

It is still unclear how a Perot run would affect this year's campaign, but he has stated that he would run if the Reform party chose him. It could be that Perot, who took voters who might have voted for Bush in the last election, could have an impact on the Clinton campaign, the Dole campaign, or both.

Very little has been decided to this point. To Bob Dole's credit he has procured delegates well in excess of the 996 he need to win the nomination. Yet there are many other wild cards in the presidential campaign, such as the continued possibility of a Buchanan run at the vice-presidency although he seems to have counted himself out.

In the coming weeks the campus will be abuzz with political happenings. Major events including the conservative club bringing Ralph Reed to campus, as well the newly formed Hamilton College Democrats will undoubtedly be heard from as the spring progresses. While not completely political, the speech by Retired General Colin Powell (Ret.) will certainly be of interest to many on campus.

Powell inaugerates Great Names Series

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parking lot, at the Skanandoah Golf Club (at the corner of Norton Avenue and Campus Hill Road), and at Clinton High School's Elm Street lot. Shuttle buses will run continuously from these locations to the event. Security officers will be stationed at key intersections to direct visitors to parking lots. "If at all possible, we're asking people to carpool," said Brush.

Ever since the event was first publicized in late January, phone calls from alumni and the public have flooded the campus. At least 1200 in different parties of twenty [the school asked alumni and parents to arrange groups wishing to hear Powell speak in parties of twenty] will attend the event," said Brush. General Powell's address will be interpreted for the hearing impaired. Those with physical handicaps are asked to call 859-4412 so that parking and seating arrangements can be made. Photography during the event will not be permitted.

The process of contacting The Washington Speakers Bureau, the speech agency handling Colin Powell's public and private addresses, began at least as far back as the first semester.

"I've been involved since January. We contracted it in December, and I'm pretty sure discussions went on well before it," commented Brush. Powell received more than one offer from at least one other organization to speak on April 1.

HAMILTON COLLEGE

NEWS BRIEFS

Hamilton Trustees Approve Tenure

The Hamilton College Board of Trustees recently approved tenure for four members of the faculty, effective July 1.

They are: Carol A. Drogus and Stephen W. Orvis, government; Robert Kantrowitz, mathematics; and William Pfitsch, biology.

A member of the faculty since 1988, Drogus graduated summa cum laude from Mount Holyoke College in 1981 and received her master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. At Hamilton, she has specialized in Latin American government and policies.

Orvis, who served as an international observer for the 1992 and 1993 elections in Kenya, joined the Hamilton faculty in 1988. He graduated cum laude from Pomona College in 1981 and received his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Kantrowitz, who graduated cum laude from Hamilton in 1982, received his M.A., M.Phil and his Ph.D. degrees from Syracuse University. He returned to Hamilton in 1990 and has taught a variety of subjects, including complex analysis, linear algebra, and calculus.

Pfitsch, who joined Hamilton faculty in 1989, received his A.B. from Oberlin College in 1977 and his master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Washington. He is a member of several professional soceities including the Ecological Society of America, the Botanical Society of America, Sigma Xi, and the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

Geology student to present paper at professional meeting in Buffalo

Matthew Hayden '96, will present his paper, "Cemeteries and Sources of Groundwater Contaminants at the 1996 Northeastern Section Meeting of the Geological Society of America.

The meeting will take place in Buffalo on Thursday, March 21.

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, fluids used for embalming commonly contained mixtures of arsenic, zinc, mercury, and lead. Hayden's research included sampling and analyzing of groundwater and soil samples from a cemetery located at Hamilton College, which contains at least 68 graves from before 1910. Hayden, a geology major, also installed upgradient and downgradient wells near the cemetery and periodically sampled for metals.

Final event to be held in Irwin Chair series

The Jane Watson Irwin Chair Series, which brings distinguished lecturers to Hamilton, will close this year's series with a lecture from a longtime activist in the movement to stop violence against women, Nancy Ordover. She will deliver her lecture on Monday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Red Pit of the Kirner-Johnson Building. Her lecture, "Eugenics, the Gay Gene and the Science of Backlash," is free and open to the general public

Students question increase

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dent applications, is showing no signs of decline.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Dan O'Leary explained that the College works on a total operating budget of $60 million, which translates to about $37,500 spent per student.

"Seventy-five percent of our budget comes from tuition," said O'Leary. "The rest comes from the endowment and private gifts and grants - totaling $223 million - which are what we use to bridge the $10,000 gap between spending and tuition for each student."

The biggest concern on many people's minds is the $1,100,000 operating deficit announced in January.

"Excluding personnel downsizing and displacement which might damage the College irrevocably, the only way we are going to get back on track financially is to significantly reduce fixed costs," said Tobin. "Campus-wide institutional categories such as printing, mailing, overtime, office supplies, travel, entertainment, and student help must become more efficient and economical."

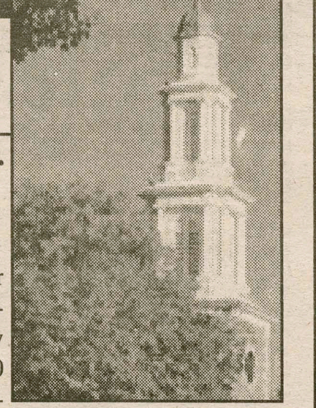
With the expectation that Congress will reduce student grant programs, many students face a deeply mortgaged future. The federal government, which provides two-fifths of the financial aid that Hamilton students receive, has increased the amount of loans in the last two years while keeping Pell Grants stable.

"Although more money is now available, a greater proportion of it must be paid back," explained Director of Financial Aid Ken Kogut. "We've been able to lessen the impact of declining state and federal support by increasing College scholarships and loans over 200 percent in the past fifteen years, but in doing so we've had to raise tuition and spending on endowment income."

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

COMPILED BY SCOTT KOCHER '97



Bus crash in India kills four American students

A bus crash in India last Thursday killed four American students and the husband of an educator at the University of Pittsburgh. A university spokesman said the dead students were among 60 American students from the university's "Semester at Sea" program who were en route to the Taj Mahal. Four injured students were hospitalized in Agra. A second bus continued on to Agra, unaware of the accident. The Indian wire service ANI reported that the driver of the bus and a tour guide also died. The news service quotes local police as saying the driver lost control of the bus while trying to overtake another vehicle, went off the road into a gorge and crashed into a tree.

Dorm floods and striking workers wreak havoc on Yale campus

As if in response to a recent union strike by service and maintenance workers, five Yale freshmen living in the basement of a campus dorm were inundated with water in the third dorm flooding this year. The flood, accompanied by a fire alarm, came on the first night of a strike by the Local 35 union, which has crippled dining hall and custodial services. Repairs of the flooded dorm rooms are expected to be difficult due to a reduced labor force.

"This is like Moses's third coming, said a student who lives in the flooded entrance to the dorm. "My bed is just floating on the water." Some students said the situation was worse than basement floods last fall that forced some residents to relocate. "[There was] way more water and it was probably dirtier, too," said another freshman, whose room was damaged by the first two floods. For others, the flood couldn't have come at a worse time. "I just sprained my ankle and I have a midterm coming up," said a student most affected by the deluge. "We had no hot water this morning, and now [there is] a pipe with who knows what coming out of it. You'd expect a wonderful, marvelous institution like Yale to house its students better than this dump."

Honor Court candidate disqualified for campaigning through e-mail

Rice University freshman Jeff Gavornik was disqualified from the Honor Court sophomore representative race after he sent a campaign message to every freshman on campus via e-mail. The message invited students to view his photo, which was attached in a separate file. According to election officials, Gavornik's e-mail message was a violation of the Honor Court By-Laws. The chair of the Honor Court said that the restrictions were most likely put in place to prevent certain kinds of campaigning. Gavornik conceded that he hurt his campaign with the message, rather than helping it. Some students argued that it was an invasion of privacy to send a campaign message to every student through the e-mail system. "People were really put off by the message," said one freshman.

Sperm can detect scent of a woman, study reveals

The molecules which the nose uses to pick up the scent of cologne have also been found on sperm, suggesting that a microscopic courtship takes place in which sperm make their way by following the sweet perfume of human eggs. The startling discovery suggests that a drug which blocks the sperm's ability to sense that enticing aroma could be used as a male contraceptive, said Dr. Robert J. Lefkowitz in a presentation Tuesday at the New Horizons in Science briefing at Duke University. "Such a drug could be the ideal contraceptive," he said. "It would be likely to have few side effects, because the smell receptors on which it would act exist nowhere else in the body except on sperm and in the nose."

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WORLD NEWS

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Hijackers surrender after seizing Egyptian flight

CAIRO, Egypt - Hijackers seized an Egypt Air jetliner Wednesday with 152 people aboard and forced the pilot to fly to Libya to request a meeting with Col. Moammar Gadhafi. They later surrendered, airport officials said. The three hijackers left the plane and turned themselves into Libyan military authorities, officials at Cairo airport said. The passengers followed the men off the plane. The airliner had landed in Tobruk, a Libyan city on the Mediterranean 70 miles west of Egypt. Cairo airport officials said most of the passengers were foreigners, including 17 Japanese, 59 Canadians and an unknown number of French.

Court convicts Rabin assassin

TEL AVIV, Israel - An Israeli court on Wednesday convicted Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin of murder, saying the former law student meticulously planned the killing and then calmly pulled the trigger. The judge rejected defense claims that Amir was obsessed with removing Rabin from office because of his opposition to the government's peace policy and therefore not in full control when he opened fire on Rabin on Nov. 4. He received a life sentence plus an additional 6 years.

White House concerned about nuclear exports

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration Tuesday addressed concerns the Chinese are exporting nuclear-related materials. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and other senior officials were called to the White House to assess the situation and consider options, including penalties against offending Chinese firms. China denies it sold nuclear weapons technology to Pakistan or missiles to Iran, contrary to U.S. allegations. Washington believes that China sold Pakistan specialized magnetic rings used in centrifuges that enrich uranium - an ingredient of nuclear weapons.

Mandela's lawyer denies Winnie assault report

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - President Nelson Mandela's lawyer says a newspaper report that Mandela was assaulted by his ex-wife, Winnie, after they separated in 1992 is "devoid of any truth." A weekly newspaper had reported the former Mrs. Mandela, who now uses the name Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, attacked her husband more than once. Mandela, 77, and his ex-wife were divorced last week after 38 years of marriage.

Grenade explodes at Honduran president's home

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras - A grenade thrown from a moving car exploded at the residence of the Honduran president, blowing a three-foot hole into the garage floor. No one was injured.

A spokesman for President Carlos Roberto Reina said the house was guarded by soldiers who were unable to catch the attackers. The president is safe and sound... and calm," his private secretary Lucio Izaguirre said after the attack late Tuesday night. The President's private guard failed because it was late in reacting to the attack," Izaguirre said. "That should not happen again."

Reina and his American-born wife Bessie Watson were in the house in Tegucigalpa's Loma Linda district when the grenade exploded just before 10 p.m. The attack damaged a car parked in the garage and windows in the front of the residence. It blew a hole about three feet across in the floor of the garage.

Izaguirre blamed the attack on unspecified "opponents of (Reina's) Liberal Party and of the president." Izaguirre said Reina "has made many enemies of democracy uncomfortable ... in a country like Honduras which has never had a representative democracy like the present one."

Reina, 70, an attorney and former university professor, was once a political prisoner under military governments. He won election in November 1993 and began a four-year term the following January. He promised a "moral revolution" and an end to widely unpopular military conscription. He complied with the latter, against army resistance, but critics claim he has failed to solve the country's poverty or rising crime because he has been diverted by attacks on corruption in previous administrations.

Cult's former doctor admits helping gas subway

TOKYO - A year ago, Dr. Ikuo Hayashi says, he was so devoted to carrying out the orders of a cult leader that he spread death by lethal nerve gas at a busy Tokyo subway station to people he didn't even know. Hayashi wept as he told a court Tuesday that he was among a group of doomsday cult members who released the World War II-era gas sarin on March 20, 1995, killing 12 people and sickening 5,500. Hayashi, who used to run a clinic for members of Aum Shinri Kyo, the "Supreme Truth" cult, faces murder charges in the Tokyo attack. He also is suspected of injecting drugs into at least one of the cult's kidnap victims.

NATIONAL NEWS

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Family & friends join to save Menendez brothers' lives

LOS ANGELES - Family and friends of Erik and Lyle Menendez were summoned from across the country to help spare the brothers the death penalty in the shotgun slayings of their millionaire parents. The jury that last week convicted them of first-degree murder was to return Wednesday to consider whether mitigating factors - including years of alleged sexual abuse - weigh against the ultimate punishment.

Education summit underway

PALISADES, N.Y. - With the latest school software whirring on nearby computers, the nation's governors and top business executives convened an education summit Tuesday aimed at raising academic performance and bringing technology to America's classrooms. Unlike the first education summit in 1989, which called for world-class national standards by the year 2000, the final document expected to emerge after two days of meetings here will focus on state standards.

Hostage shoots captor in standoff

CONCORD, Calif. - A store manager held hostage by an infatuated ex-employee says she ended the five-hour ordeal by obeying the man's frantic order to shoot him or be shot. "There was no other way to get out alive," Mary McIntyre said after emerging from the Contra Costa Trophy and Embroidery store Monday night. She said the man held her hand on a gun and aimed it at his head, ordering her to fire. She told the man she wouldn't shoot him, but he threatened her life repeatedly. The 35-year-old man, who was armed with two semiautomatic handguns, died from a single gunshot wound to the head.

Astronauts walk outside Mir

SPACE CENTER, Houston - Two shuttle astronauts performed an unprecedented spacewalk outside the Russian space station Mir on Wednesday, wearing jet packs just in case their lifelines broke.

It was the first spacewalk by Americans at Mir. After taking extra precautions, astronauts Linda Godwin and Michael "Rich" Clifford floated out of Atlantis as the space shuttle and linked Mir soared more than 250 miles above the South Pacific. They had fallen a little behind because of problems with Clifford's spacesuit.

The last time NASA astronauts performed a spacewalk outside a space station was at Skylab in 1974 - seven years before the first shuttle flight. Lucid is only the third woman, and is the first American woman, to live on the 10-year-old Mir.

Res. Life discussed with administrators

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of standards of conduct," said Coates, who stresses that students have been involved with the implementation of the residential life decision over the summer and throughout the year.

From a residential perspective Rebecca Reed-Kantrowitz also believes that the removal of fraternity houses on campus has "leveled the playing fields." She points out that, even without society houses, Hamilton has variety in the housing it offers its students this year, ranging from apartment style housing at Griffin Road to traditional residence halls like Dunham Hall. She also believes that the 80 spots allocated to those who wish to live off campus this year was adequate, and plans to reduce the number to 50 next year.

The societies

Tobin says that he "commends the Fraternities for remaining active." Understanding the passion amongst society members, President Tobin urges them to work within the system, providing their input in order to shape the "new Hamilton."

As faculty adviser to the Inter-Society Council, Bev Low has traditionally had close links with the societies praises them for remaining operational. After nearly a year without the houses she detects different reactions amongst the societies. In my interview with her she singled out Alpha Delta Phi, Sigma Phi, and Delta Kappa Epsilon as the fraternities who have dealt particularly well with the transition.

"There are some fraternities that have always had a sense of what it means to be a brotherhood, those are the ones who will survive the loss of their houses," she said.

Expressing similar sentiments, Coates believes that societies hold a set of ideals including scholarship, community service, and alumni relations. "I don't see why fraternities would need houses to fulfill these objectives," she says.

The social spaces

As the majority of Hamilton's social life has moved from the fraternity houses to the newly created social spaces, one of the primary concerns of many students has been that these spaces were inadequate to their needs. Tobin disagrees, however, pointing out that the College has put a great deal of money into the new social spaces, and that the process to obtain one of these spaces will be reevaluated.

Though acknowledging the need for one more large social space on campus, Coates expresses considerable concern that the social spaces are being misused by the various groups who reserve them, who often damage the areas or who behave irresponsibly in other ways.

"The College is willing to open up social spaces if organizations accept their responsibilities," she says. "Recent events have clouded our optimism that students are able to manage large events with alcohol."

But what of social spaces reserved solely for the private societies? Where they can be secluded in order to carry on the secret traditions of their respective fraternity or sorority? Bev Low feels that there is a need for a "Greek House" on campus - a place reserved for the use of societies only. She argues that partial use of the houses by the fraternities is unrealistic.

Coates believes that societies should be treated no differently than other organizations when reserving social spaces. She sees no reason why Bundy Dining Hall with closed curtains would not make an adequate private meeting place for any private society.

The Common Meal

One of the main thrusts of the Residential Life plan to "integrate academic and residential Life" was the Common Meal between students, faculty and administration. Despite many doubts amongst faculty and students as to the success of the common meal this year, Tobin remains satisfied with the progress made in this area.

"I think that it depends on your expectations of the Common Meal," states President Tobin. "I certainly don't think faculty and students are eating together less this year."

Coates is more enthusiastic. "We're definitely getting there," she says. She argues that in using of the Backus House and the bag lunch service, the common meal has been successfully implemented so far. She does see a great need for the remodeling of Commons Dining Hall which she calls "not conducive to conversation" due to the noise level.

The future

"There were several ways that Hamilton could have dealt with the Fraternities - they could have had live in advisers, or turned them coed, for example. But now that the College has taken away the houses I think that there will be no turning back," says Bev Low.

President Tobin remains confident that the College will make no U-turns in its policies. "As the houses become available to the College we will continue to use them for residential, social and academic purposes," he says. "Time is a factor also. The plan does not only affect students now but the students of the future as we offer them more options."

As for the court case between a few fraternities and the College over the Sherman Antitrust Act, Tobin will not be drawn to give his opinion, preferring to "wait and see."

This case, debating the legality of the College forcing students to live on campus, is expected to come to a conclusion soon. The judge, who by all accounts is described to be liberal but fair, could conceivably rule in favor of either side.

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Board of Trustees approves tenure for four members of the faculty

By Greg Gardner '96
News Staff Writer

Hamilton enhanced its reputation as a distinguished academic institution this past month with the giving of tenure to four professors. Those faculty members who received tenure are Assistant Professor of Government Carol A. Drogus, Assistant Professor of Mathematics Robert Kantrowitz, Assistant Professor of Government Stephen W. Orvis, and Assistant Professor of Biology William A. Pfitsch.

Professors Drogus and Orvis both came to Hamilton in 1988 from the University of Wisconsin where they both received their Phds in Political Science, and where both received their graduate degrees. Graduate School is also where Professors Drogus and Orvis met and married. They were both very excited to receive tenure at the same time from Hamilton, as quite often, married professors aren't often able to receive tenure at the same institution.

Professor Drogus received her Undergraduate degree from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She knew when she graduated that she wanted to teach, although she also considered Law School as a possible future. She did her fieldwork in Brazil at the same time Professor Orvis was doing his fieldwork in Kenya, and whereas Professor Drogus' specialty is Latin American Politics and Government, Professor Orvis' speciality lies in the field of African Politics and Government.

When asked about the conception that tenure grants certain freedoms to the professors that they were not able to enjoy before, they each had a different response. Professor Drogus felt that it was the curriculum that was limiting, as each year the department must insure that a certain number of specific courses are offered, and that does leave much space for trying new courses, although both she and Professor Orvis will each be teaching new courses next Spring.

As Professor Orvis noted, professors seeking tenure often must spend large amounts of their summer time doing research and writing papers, which does not leave much time to create new courses, which can take three to four times as long to prepare than previously taught courses. Professor Orvis mentioned that young professors often are concerned with their teacher evaluations as they should be, but it sometimes causes them to give students lighter course loads. He feels that "you can challenge Hamilton Students." He added that students will always have the question in the back of their minds as to why they are receiving such a large workload. He added that if a professor "makes it clear why [he/she] is doing this," then the student is much more receptive. In their free time they both enjoy doing volunteer work for the community and spending time with their children.

Professor Kantrowitz received his undergraduate degree from Hamilton and went on to obtain a graduate degree and Masters at Syracuse University, when he then returned to teach at Hamilton in 1990. He knew when he graduated that he wanted to stay in academia, and the largest employer of Phd recipients in Mathematics is the College and University system. While Hamilton was one of his top choices, he did consider the possibility of teaching in a big city.

When asked about his views on the freedom that tenure grants, he noted that he believes "that when the whole Institution was originally constructed," that tenure was a way to insure that certain parts of academia weren't dispensed with. He added that "in Math, this is not so immediately applicable," and that there is "no change in teaching and research particular to the discipline."

Professor Kantrowitz has a particular interest in Banach Algebras, which is, essentially, the study of the ideas from Calculus, but in a far more general setting. He notes that it contains key elements from two courses that Hamilton offers, those of Linear Algebra and Real Analysis.

Professor Pfitsch received his undergraduate degree at Oberlin and his Phd in Botany at the University of Washington in Seattle. In addition, he received a post-doctorate at the University of California at Davis. He has done fieldwork all over the world, including Venezuela and the Andes where he did his Masters fieldwork. During his Post-Doctorate study he did fieldwork among the California Redwoods. But perhaps the most exciting fieldwork he was able to do, occurred when he did research in the Tropical Rainforest of Panama, which he described as "awe inspiring."

He believes that he always had teaching as a career in the back of his mind. He was always interested in outdoor wilderness education, even as an undergraduate student.

When asked about his thoughts on the freedoms of tenure, Professor Pfitsch said that he does believe that receiving tenure "gives [one] more freedom to take risks, although [he] didn't feel inhibited before.

In his free time, Professor Pfitsch enjoys spending family time with his wife and seven year old son, and he enjoys cross country skiing.

President Tobin added these words about the four recently tenured faculty members: "I think each brings to the college extraordinary dedication and accomplishment and each is an exceptionally talented teaching-scholar, who thrive on intellectual challenge and who remain actively engaged in scholarly pursuits."

News

Hyakutake lights up the night sky for a once-in-a-lifetime appearance

BY SCOTT D. KOCHER '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Exactly two months ago Yuji Hyakutake, a Japanese amateur astronomer from Kagoshima, observed a previously undiscovered comet careening towards the earth along its highly elliptical orbit around the sun. Since then C/1996 B2, or Comet Hyakutake, has been heralded as the biggest comet to pass so close to the earth since the Great Comet of 1556, and the brightest since Comet West in 1976. But while this celestial display will be visible with the naked eye for another month, seeing it will be a one-time chance — it won't be around our area of the solar system again for almost 20,000 years.

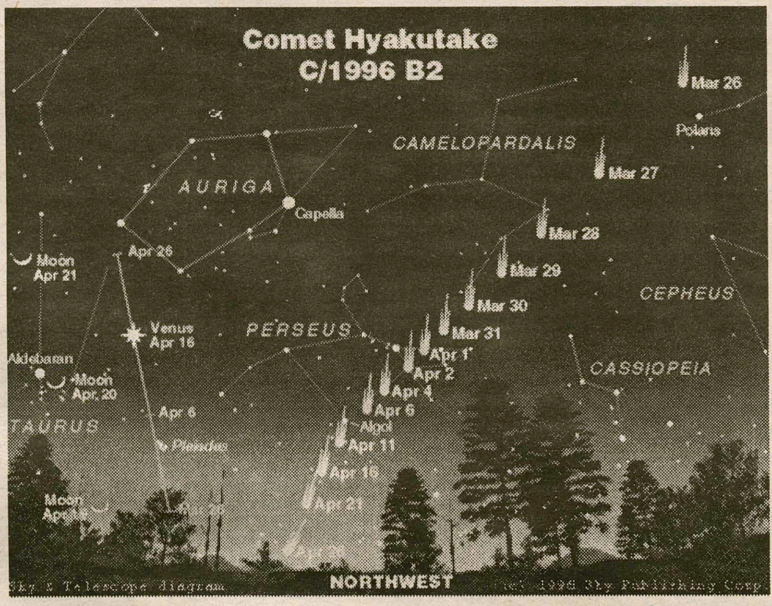
To mark the event, nearly a dozen cities around Japan are dimming their lights at night. Even Tokyo Tower, one of the capital's most visible landmarks, will turn off its lights two hours earlier until the comet passes. A major publishing house has even rushed out a book on the comet, written by an astronomer at Japan's National Observatory. World Wide Web pages have sprung up everywhere. In fact, Professor Phil Krasicky of the Physics Department is planning to open up the Hamilton College Observatory tonight for anyone who would like a more intimate view of the comet.

Comet Hyakutake (pronounced "yah-koo-tah-kay" with no stressed syllables) has proven to be a marvelous sight for people everywhere in the Northern Hemisphere, and will continue to be visible through April. This weekend should allow for good viewing as the comet, somewhat diminished in brightness compared to last weekend, speeds away from its closest approach to earth last Monday — 9.3 million miles, just 40 times the distance of the moon. It is said to be as much as 10 miles across and traveling at a speed of 198,000 miles per hour.

Hyakutake appears as a moderately bright, very diffuse fuzzy object. The fuzzball will be somewhat smaller than the size of the full moon when viewed from a dark location. All of the light in its fuzzy head put together will be comparable to the light from the brightest star in the sky. A short tail is barely visible and will grow in length through April. The tail, estimated to measure 62,000 miles or about 15 degrees of the night sky, can be more easily seen through binoculars or a small telescope.

Hyakutake will remain visible in the northwestern evening sky during much of April, but by month's end, it will be too close to the sun to be seen even in a dark sky. The comet may appear as bright or brighter than it appeared in March, and its tail may be more pronounced since the comet is closer to the sun. The second and third weeks in April are best for viewing because they offer moonless evening skies with the comet still high enough in the sky after sunset to be easily seen.

The comet's orbit is the shape of a toothpick, surprisingly enough — it drops towards the sun and then gets turned around almost 180 degrees and fired out of the inner solar system. On May 1, the perihelion distance — the distance of closest approach to the sun — is only going to be 21 millions miles (which is inside the orbit of the innermost planet, Mercury) where it will be travelling nearly 210,000 m.p.h.



There have only been four closer approaches by comets in this century; the last one to come this close was Comet IRAS-Arak-Alcock in 1983. The record for the closest observed comet is attributed to Comet Lexell, which missed the Earth by only 1.4 million miles (seven times closer than Comet Hyakutake) in 1770. Hyakutake is unique in its close passage to Earth along with its subsequent small perihelion distance.

New ground-based observations from the European Southern Observatory show that the head of the comet is smaller than 45 miles. The coma is hundreds of thousands of miles across and growing. Because of this dense cloud of coma material around the nucleus, the only good way to measure the size of the comet's head is a close rendezvous by a spacecraft, as was done with Comet Halley in 1986.

Yuji Hyakutake, the comet's discoverer, is flattered by the attention received by people around the world. Few celestial events in the recent past have received so much public consideration.

"It's not as though I own the thing, but it is very flattering to have such a big comet bear my name," the amateur astronomer told The Associated Press on Monday by telephone from his home in southern Japan. "On busy days I must get 50 or more calls," Hyakutake said. "It's great that people are so interested."

Comets are normally named for their discoverers. The designation C/1996 B2 means that this was the second comet (indicated by the number 2) found in the second half-month of January (indicated by the letter B) in the year 1996. The "C/" indicates that this is a long-period comet.

Misconceptions about comets have blossomed through promises of spectacular celestial displays. Rather than a swift ball of fire racing across the sky, even the brightest comets appear as delicate, wispy objects whose motion is apparent only after observing them night after night.

Ten years ago when Halley's Comet became visible on its once-every-76-year appearance, a beer company produced a TV commercial featuring baseball legend Bob Uecker and a friend camped outside under the stars preparing for a brief, once-in-a-lifetime view. After watching in vain for hours, Uecker looked down to get a beer out of the cooler. At that instant a brilliant light appeared overhead and crossed the sky. By the time he looked up again, the comet was gone.

The beer company and most of the general public think comets appear as balls of fire streaking across the sky, only to vanish in a few brief seconds. But they're confusing comets with meteors. Meteors, or shooting stars, are pieces of space rock, metal and dust left in the wake of comets. We see meteors only when they collide with our atmosphere and are heated to white-hot temperatures.

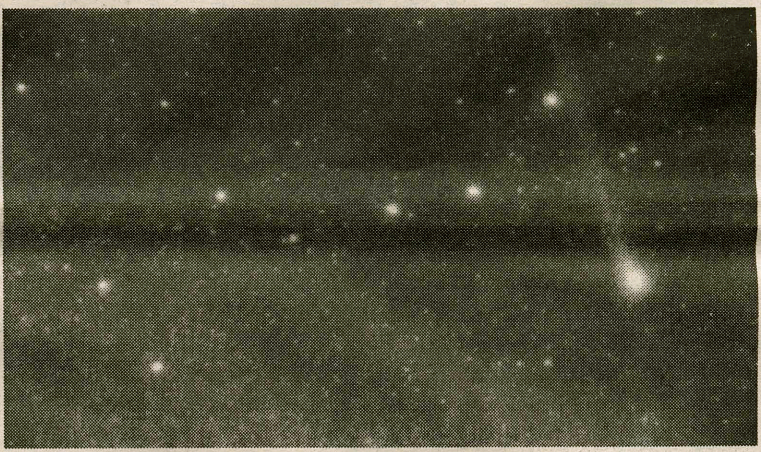
According to Johnny Horne, a photographer for the Feyatteville, N.C. Observer-Times, comets are balls of dirty ice that measure from a few hundred yards to several miles in diameter. These "dirty snowballs" are thought to be the most primitive and unchanged objects in the solar system. They travel in orbits around the sun much like the planets. Comets appear to hang in the sky, changing position slowly. They are in motion, traveling hundreds of thousands of miles per hour, but the great distance lessens the appearance of that motion — unless the comet passes very near the Earth. Comet orbits are usually elliptical or football-shaped with closest approach to the sun occurring at one end of the orbit.

As comets travel closer to the sun, sunlight melts some of the ice that holds the dusty ball together. In the vacuum of space, these solid ices are turned directly into gases without first becoming liquid. These gases and released dust particles form the comet's tail. Bright comets can change appearance nightly as more material is lost from the comets central body, or nucleus. They can often be seen to have two tails a few degrees apart with one tail made of gas and the other dust. Both tails appear to come from the comet's fuzzy head or coma.

In early evening on Wednesday, April 3rd, skywatchers in the northeasternmost United States and Canada get a brief respite from moonlight because of a lunar eclipse. The moon will be totally eclipsed from 6:26 to 7:53 p.m.

For the next month or so, the Fayetteville Observer-Times online service be offering updated information about the comet's position and appearance, together with up-to-date photographs. You can access Fayetteville Online by pointing your web browser to http://www.infi.net/foto/.

Other Internet sites for more detailed information about Comet Hyakutake are Sky Online, Sky and Telescope magazine's web page at http://www.skypub.com, and NASA's Comet Observation Homepage at http://encke.jpl.nasa.gov/. These web sites offer reports of observations of Hyakutake and other comets, and current images that can be downloaded. The NASA homepage may be rather slow, but interesting information and fantastic photos are guaranteed.



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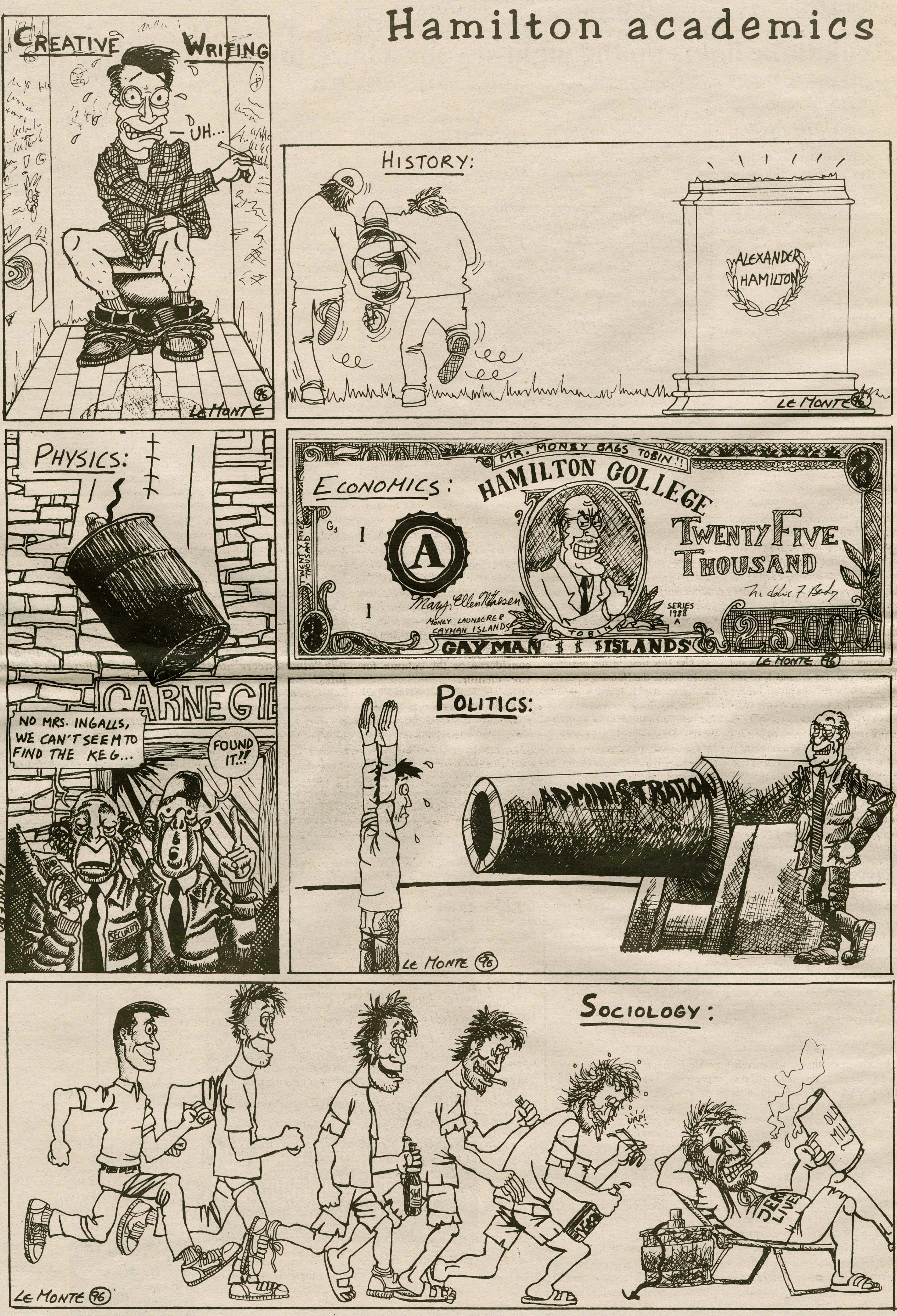
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The upcoming housing lottery: A time for self-examination

A time to reexamine your friendships and how they fit your lifestyle

BY MARIE L. FOLLAYTTAR '98
FEATURES EDITOR

Four days back to school and already we are being faced with the upcoming year. So much for warm weather, mountain air, releasing rain, we are instead forced back into Hamilton. Hamilton of the muddy paths, sandy grass, and frequent snowfalls. Welcome back! Yesterday we entered the mail center looking for general announcements, when the blue book of Housing opportunities fell upon our eyes, as well as the Pre-Registration catalog.

For those of us still struggling about what to do for next year, here is a little word of advice. However, don't stress, achieve a balance. "Location, location, location," is not necessarily the most important focus of housing here.

> **"A good listener is one who likes other people and themselves. They don't feel a need to 'one-up,' or interrupt to score a point, or tell their story on someone else's time." - Niki Scott**

Okay, what do you do, your best friend wants to live with you next year and well, ummm...you just couldn't live with her, although you love her, you just could not deal with her on a day to day basis. Like that quaint mess she leaves in corners, and the charming week-old leftovers she laughs about as she finds them. Or do not forget that she smokes and although you are around her, and parties leave you with that chalky residue and dirty feeling, you really do not want your special blanket and favorite teddy bear to be consumed by the not-so-charming smell.

First, establish your guidelines. Your friend will understand your needs and will not be hurt if they are explained to her. But don't leave her questioning, doubting your friendship and eventually causing a fight. It is necessary to be honest, your friend knows her faults as well as you know them. By giving your friend the reasons you are still showing that you care for her, but are establishing and comparing your life to hers.

Discussing with her is one thing but whether she will listen is another. Although, basic things like messes and cigarette odors seem all consuming, these are things to be looked beyond. Are you a good listener? Is she? Studies have shown that good listeners are better friends. Better friends will get along as roommates, especially those that listen to one another and will respond and take action on the little skirmishes throughout the year. In a 1988 article in the *Observer Dispatch*, Niki Scott wrote that a good listener "likes other people and themselves. They don't feel a need to 'one-up' or interrupt to score a point, or tell their story on someone else's time." A good listener really cares about you. Your conversations with your friend whose is a good listener out you at ease and establish a greater connection. One of the more frustrating things in life is talking to someone who will not listen to you.

Examine your relationships. What do you do with your friends? Do you talk or is your friendship based on a common social life and need for fun? If this is the type of friendship you would like to lay the basis of a roommate partnership then certainly read no further.

But if you are currently dissatisfied with the focus of your friendships and are wondering why, listening, and the person's listening ability might be the answer to your puzzlement. Although "fun" relationships are necessary, it might be wise to insure that you have someone who can put you at ease, and someone you can talk to when you have a problem. Someone who will listen.

Use this time in the next few weeks before the Housing Lotteries to reexamine your friendships and yourself. Next year do not be trapped into a living arrangement that you recognize could ruin your friendship with another person. There are some people that one just cannot live without.

In order to help you is a questionnaire that examines your listening ability. These two quizzes will not be the answer to all of your questions and perhaps problems, but it will certainly get you along the right track.

In order to attain a true assessment of your listener skills, it is necessary to take two exams and to then compare the results.

1. Circle the term that best describes you as a listener:

Superior Excellent
Above Average Average
Below Average Poor
Terrible

2. On a scale of 0 - 100(100 the highest), how would you rate yourself as a listener?

[ ]

3. Using the same scale of 0- 100, how do you think the following people would rate you as a listener?

Your best friend (same sex)
Your best friend (opposite sex)
Your roommate
Your older sibling (if any)
Your younger sibling (if any)
Your father
Your mother

Some of these people can be substituted to suit your individual living circumstances. For example, instead of your Mother and Father it could simply be considered as the column for your mentor.

A survey of your listening habits

	always	usually	some	seldom	never
1. Calling the subject boring					
2. Criticizing the speaker's delivery or mannerisms					
3. Getting over-stimulated by something the speaker says					
4. Listening primarilly for facts					
5. Trying to outline everything					
6. Faking attention to the speaker					
7. Allowing interfering distractions					
8. Avoiding difficult material					
9. Letting emotion-laden words arouse personal antagonism					
10. Wasting the advantage of thought speed(daydreaming)					

Directions: Place "x's" in the approprate columns. Tabulate by using the key below.
Key:
For every "always" checked, give yourself a score of 2.
For every "usually" checked, give yourself a score of 4.
For every "some" checked, give yourself a score of 6.
For every "seldom" checked, give yourself a score of 8.
For every "never" checked, give yourseld a score of 10.

The higher the score the better the listener!

Remember that the "always" and "never" columns are actually "almost never" and "almost always". There are no absolutes!

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Goldstein and Campbell: Two resourceful Hamilton students bring the outside world to Hamilton with the distribution of their blue book

By Jeremy McKittrick '96
FEATURES WRITER

This past week every student at Hamilton received a "Little Blue Book" in their mailbox. This booklet is filled with advertisements and coupons from local businesses. It includes addresses and phone numbers of businesses offering sevices from hamburgers to lube jobs. Marc Campbell '97 and James Goldstein '97 put together this booklet and distributed it, free of charge, to all of the students.

Goldstein says that "we felt it was something that hadn't really been addressed. There are no advertisements designed specifically for students." This first edition of the little blue book has many advertisements and only a few coupons, but the creators feel that this will change as students and businesses become aware of the usefulness of this service. "Now that we have a product, we can show it to [the businesses], and it should do a lot better next year," says Campbell.

Though Hamilton College may not be the ideal place to find students searching for a thrifty deal in order to save hard earned money, there certainly is an interest in the Little Blue Book. It contains coupons for free items at such local businesses as The Last Unicorn, The Jolly Butcher Shop, The Adirondack Coffee Company, Inc.; Maria Tucci, Adam Bowman Manor, Clinton Jewelers, Roma's, Dick Sonne's Cycle and Fitness, Something Else, "Put Your Duds in Our Suds," Don's Rok and the list continues. Did you even know about half of these places? Did you know that there was a complete laundry service available? Hamilton students are so isolated "On the Hill" that when we need services standard off the hill, often we do not know what is out there. Goldstein and Campbell feel that, as students start to use these coupons (many of which are "buy one, get one free"), other businesses will want to attract customers with coupons.

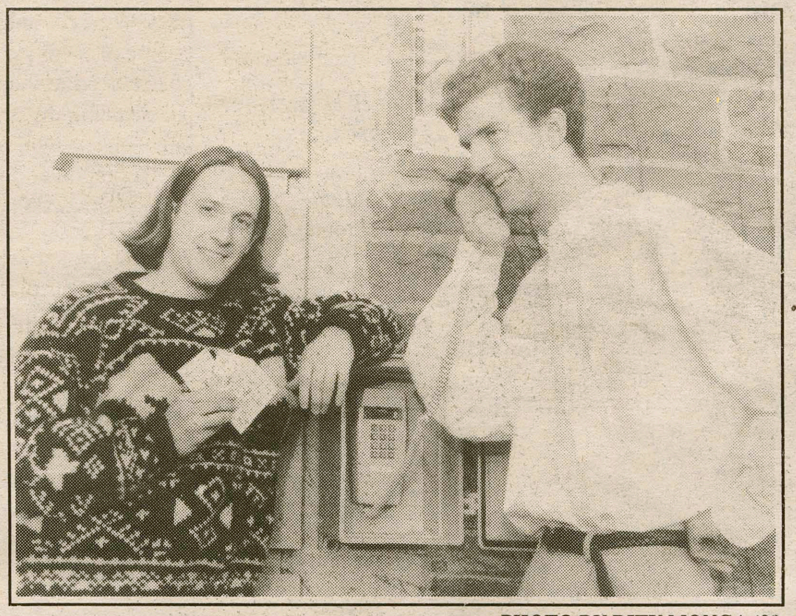

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99
Marc Campbell and James Goldstein use their Blue Book.

One of the things that Campbell and Goldstein wish to stress is the fact that this booklet is made by students, for students. There are no plans to ever charge students for the booklet, and the administration is not even remotely involved. Many students received E-mail messages about the booklet, and were asked what they thought. Campbell and Goldstein are looking from any input from students. They feel that the Little Blue Book will only improve in future editions, and any input received can only help. Hopefully, future printings of the Little Blue Book will be filled with many money saving coupons.

F.Y.I. Unfortunately, the "buy one, get one free" deal at the Rok only applies to *drinks*, and not to *pitchers*. . .semantics.

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Campbell and Goldstein's insert in their blue book

What is this Thing?

We have independently created this booklet to give to each one of our fellow students free of charge. We felt a strong need for a handy 'money spending' guide for Hamilton students. We have done our best to get good deals for you, and included in this booklet are numerous FREE items as well as many other student discounts.

Depending on the success of this Spring's printing we ope to have a new edition out next fall. We urge you to take advantage of what is in this booklet, and to let businesses know that you saw their names here. This will help ensure even more deals for students and a bigger booklet next fall.

F Y I

Hepatitis B, is highly unreported in the U.S.

By Diann Lynch R.N.C.

Hepatitis is an acute or chronic inflammation of the liver that can be caused by one of several viruses. The one that college aged students should be most concerned with is Hepatitis B because it is a sexually transmitted disease.

About 300,000 new cases of Hepatitis B are reported in this country each year, but the actual number of infected people is thought to be much higher fore two reasons. First, this disease is considered to be one of the most unreported diseases in the United States. Secondly, because the symptoms vary in number and severity, some people are not aware that they have or have had the disease and thus may be chronic carriers of Hepatitis B.

In an infected person, the Hepatitis B virus can be found in the blood or other body fluids such as urine, saliva, tears, semen, and vaginal secretions. It is most commonly spread by contact with infected blood and sexual contact. Those individuals at highest risk are the same individuals that are at high risk for Hiv-IV drug users and people who are practicing unsafe sex with multiple partners.

Once exposed to Hepatitis B, an infected person may exhibit any or all of the following symptoms: fatigue, aches, low fever, nausea and vomiting, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, and diarrhea. Some people will develop jaundice, a yellow cast to the skin and whites of the eyes. Although the severity of these symptoms can range from no symptoms at all to being incapacitated for weeks or months, most people recover fully.

About five to ten percent of infected individuals, however, become chronic carriers and can spread the disease indefinitely while they are symptom free. It is estimate that one out of every 200 people in the United States is a chronic carrier of Hepatitis B. Unfortunately, even though these individuals usually have no symptoms, they have the greatest potential for developing long term complications such as liver cancer.

This disease is easily diagnosed during an acute phase or in a chronic carrier by laboratory studies. The treatment is symptomatic while the virus runs its course. An individual with Hepatitis B usually remains infectious for about 20 weeks unless they become a chronic carrier.

The best protection from Hepatitis B is prevention. Hepatitis B vaccinations are available and are recommended for Health Care Workers and other people who have high occupational risks or who are sexual partners of Hepatitis B carriers.

The American Academy of Pediatrics now recommends and encourages routine Hepatitis B immunization for all adolescents, including college aged students.

Information is available at the Student Health Service.

If you did anything interesting over break, or know someone who did, we are interested. Call Marie at x 0214. Also, if you know of any individual on campus who you think should be featured call as well.

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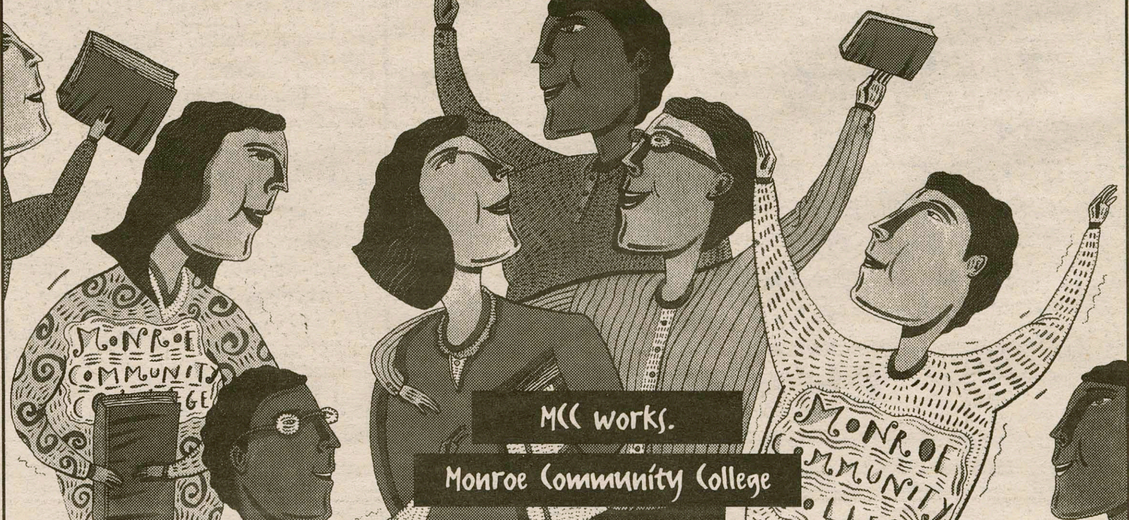
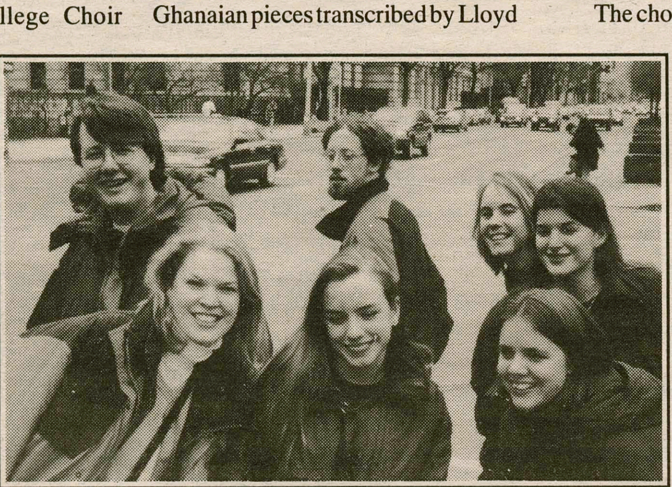


Choir concert is homecoming

By Megan Hallock '98
SPECIAL TO FEATURES

The Hamilton College Choir journeyed to the Mid-West this past spring break. The choir's annual spring concert tour was a great success. The Choir traveled to the cities of Cleveland, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Buffalo, and across the border to Toronto, during the week of March 9th-16th. The choir will be performing its Homecoming Concert in Wellin Hall this Saturday, March 30th at 8 pm. Under the direction of Acting Director of Choirs, Thomas Lloyd, the choir performed works by composers such as Byrd, Bernstein, Barber, and Clara Schumann. The Schumann piece was conducted by senior Music major, Helen Lee. The program included two traditional Ghanaian pieces transcribed by Lloyd and Hamilton sophomore Yao Odamtten.



" It is a great opportunity. When else can you tour the country and be with so many great people?" - Jim Eisenburg '98

The group visited sites like the Cleveland Art Museum, The Sears Tower in Chicago, The CN Tower in Toronto, as well as many sites seen individually. In Toronto the choir sang at the Eaton Center, a downtown shopping area. A stop at a misty Niagara Falls was also in order. Jim Eisenburg '98 had this to say about the tour, " It is a great opportunity. When else can you tour the country and be with so many great people." His sentiments were echoed by Sarah Knapp '99 who stated, "The tour was wonderful. I can't wait until next year!"

The choir was generously hosted by alums in each of the cities. This gives the Choir a chance to meet past graduates and talk to them about Hamilton then and now. Paul Damaske '99 said " Staying with the alums was great. It added a personal touch to each of our concerts."

In the past the Choir has travelled to Italy, New England and the South. Fortunately, this trip to the Mid-West was blessed with good weather and good health.

" Staying with the alums was great, it added a personal touch to each of our concerts." - Paul Damaske '99

Come and check out the Hamilton College Choir on Saturday, March 30th at 8 pm in Wellin Hall. The concert is free.

M&M

Dear M&M,

I had a really awful vacation. I went home to visit my parents and my brother, but we fought for the entire two weeks. Now, I do not want to even go home for the summer, or even call them once a week for our checkup conversations. I fear that I am growing away from them and I am worried that we will never get along again.

-Displaced Child

Dear Displaced Child,

Call your parents, create a new conversation with them. Don't give up after two weeks. You have known them your entire life and that should mean more than a little spat. I am sure than they are just as concerned about the situation as you are and that if you talk to them about your worries it will all work out.

- M&M

Dear M&M,

My roommate is pledging a sorority and she is constantly in and out of the room, and hardly even has time to say "hi" to me anymore. I am worried because she has this new lifeline that she will forget about me. We have been really good friends for over a year now and I don't want to lose her. What should I do?

- The lost roommate

Dear the lost roommate,

Never fear, your roommate is just expanding her social circle. Her new friends ill start coming to the room and she will introduce them top you and everything will be back to normal. Remember, pledging takes time, and she may not want to be with these people all of the time, but she is forced into it. She may want to sit down with you and talk but she probably can't right now because she is so busy.

- M&M

Dear M&M,

I am really worried about finding a roommate for next year. I am only a first year and I don't have many friends, and I don't want to be left stranded, a loner in a line of people smiling about their future and their happy rooms for next year. What do I do?

-homeless

Dear homeless,

Sometimes a single is the best option. After all, wouldn't you like to have your own peace, the opportunity to shut the door whenever you want to, to not have your roommate's boyfriend or girlfriend in your room for hours on end? You wouldn't have to always be neat, or worry about disturbing someone on those all nighters. You could have your friends over whenever and until whenever without worrying about someone else's opinion. Being alone will give you the opportunity to control your lie.

-M&M

Cat's Cook Corner: Lemon-broiled chicken

Generally I stick to snack recipes, but every once in a while real food is appealing. So escape the dining halls one night, I know it is hard to read-just to the food. Cook a meal in your dorm room, this is the perfect main dish.

Ingredients:
4 boneless chicken breast halves or 4 to 6 other chicken pieces (thighs, wings, etc.)
4 tbls. or 1/2 stick butter- if you are cholesterol and fat conscious, use reduced fat butter or margarine
3 tbls. lemon juice, or the juice of one fresh lemon
1 tbls. Worcestershire sauce
1 tbls. honey,1 tbls soy sauce

First rinse the chicken pieces and pat them dry. If you use chicken breasts and want them extra thin, cover them with wax paper and pound them until they are at your preferred thickness. Then place the chicken in an aluminum foil baking pan. Make sure the pieces are touching, this will allow more juices to flow. Set it aside. Then combine the remaining ingredients in your hot pot and pour this liquid over the chicken in the aluminum pan. Broil in a toaster oven. You will know when it is done when a brown, bubbly surface appears. Don't allow it to become black. Baste the chicken several times with the sauce. Spoon a little sauce over it each time you serve it.

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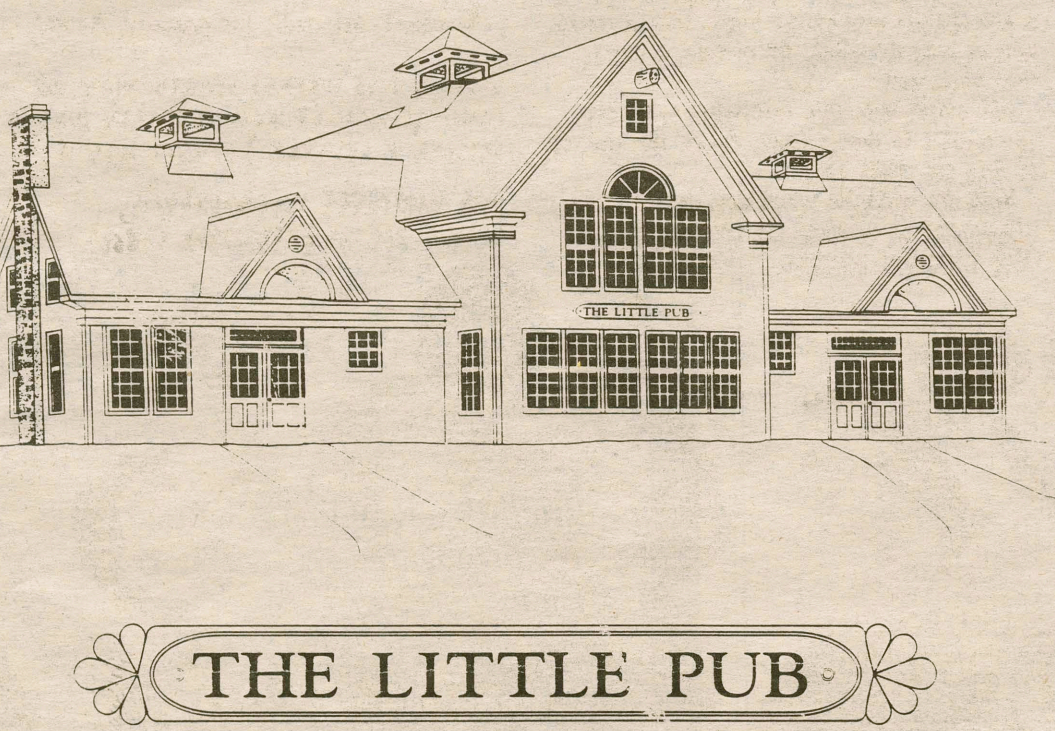

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High-yield agriculture: advantages for the earth

PETER KELLY

REASONABLE RESOLUTIONS

What's the first thing that comes to your mind when someone mentions damage to the environment? Belching smokestacks? Oil spills? Urban traffic jams? Think again. Actually, the world's agriculture has a greater environmental impact than any other human activity, even industry. I don't mean to downplay the enormous impact of industry, but raising our food is what has most changed the Earth.

Many of my fellow environmentalists would argue that modern high-yield farming is out of control—using up the world's limited supply of fresh water, poisoning the Earth with chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and ushering in a brave new world of mutant designer crops. They urge a return to traditional organic techniques. Certainly, high-yield farming has many problems, but turning back the clock would be a disaster for both humanity *and* the Earth.

The most important fact about high-yield farming is that it has fed the world's growing population. Had per-acre yields remained at 1950 levels, today's world population could not be fed, even by clearing for cultivation all tropical forests and by expanding into other marginal areas. Today, there is enough food to feed everyone, though many are too poor to buy or grow enough for themselves. Of course, this situation could change with population growth. Even though population-control efforts are beginning to show effects, some growth is unavoidable. Unfortunately, it may be impossible to increase food production fast enough, especially on a sustainable basis. However, this is no time to give up. In recent years we've made so much progress in increasing crop yields that in some areas, such as the U.S., unneeded agricultural land is actually returning to nature.

In fact, the return of land to nature is an often-overlooked benefit of high-yield agriculture. The so-called crisis of vanishing farms in the U.S. is mostly a predictable result of increasing per-acre yields. There are signs all around that as agriculture requires less land, nature is recovering. You need look no further than the forests bordering our campus, which were all agricultural land 200 years ago; huge increases in milk yields have reduced dairy-cow herds and led farmers to abandon pasture land. On a larger scale, in Great Plains states like North Dakota, much farmland is no longer economic and has been allowed to return to prairie. Even the ranging bison are making a comeback. Bison ranchers are increasing their herds as fast as their animals will breed and are promoting their products as similar-tasting, healthier alternatives to beef. Over the last fifty years alone, U.S. farmers have increased harvests threefold, while using less land. Similar trends are evident elsewhere. In the Netherlands, for instance, a centuries-long struggle against the sea is ending as dikes are being opened to convert no-longer-economic farmland back to wetlands. Compare all of this to the rapid deforestation of tropical rainforests for traditional agriculture.

Clearly, we should not dismiss high-yield farming, as some environmentalists do. We may regret some of the social effects of having fewer farms and farmers, but the environmental recovery is probably worth the social costs. The important question is, how can we get high yields without the problems we associate with high-yield farming? How can yield-boosting technologies—hybrid seeds, irrigation, inorganic fertilizers, and pesticides—be made more environmentally friendly? Let's begin with hybrid seeds and irrigation.

> "WORLD AGRICULTURE HAS A GREATER IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT THAN ANY OTHER HUMAN ACTIVITY"

High-yield farming depends on hybrid cereal strains. Environmentalists should support the breeding of better hybrids, rather than just trying to stir up fears about genetically engineered crops. We're not talking about square tomatoes or sci-fi mutant watermelons that will take over like kudzu vines. Most genetically engineered crops are designed for the unglamorous, but essential, purpose of increasing yields while affording greater resistance to insects and disease. I agree that we do need to proceed cautiously. As the use of a few successful hybrids spreads, traditional strains and techniques are displaced. Yet when new pests and diseases emerge, we must rely on our banks of traditional seeds in order to breed in resistance. Unless we increase funding for seed banks, we could lose the genetic information in the traditional types. Right now, this irrecoverable information is much too vulnerable to accidents at seed banks, such as fires and power failures. Fortunately, high-yield technologies like hybrid seeds can actually help preserve genetic diversity in crops. By requiring less land, the hybrids help preserve the habitats of wild relatives of crops.

None of this will make any difference unless we can get better control of our water usage. Irrigation, which accounts for most of the world's water use, has a huge environmental impact. Throughout the world, dams have destroyed ecosystems and whole cultures. So great is our desire to divert water for irrigation that we are drying up major aquifers and rivers. The Ogallala Aquifer, which underlies the area from Nebraska to the Texas panhandle, is being depleted eight times faster than it can be replenished. The once mighty Colorado River is barely a trickle by the time it reaches Mexico. And we Americans are by no means the worst offenders. In order to grow cotton in central Asia, Soviet farmers virtually sucked dry all of the sources of water for the Aral Sea. The Sea has lost 70% of its water, and thousands of square miles are now a salt-covered wasteland—perhaps the longest-lasting consequence of communism.

Irrigation is not always a bad idea. Without irrigation we wouldn't have the cheap and plentiful foods that we take for granted. The problem is that we're irrigating wastefully. In the U.S., water for agriculture is heavily subsidized by the government. What's more, policies of "prior appropriation" in Western states have given basically unlimited water-usage rights to the first user, so long as he continues to use the water. These water policies were originally intended to develop the West, but they are now a form of welfare for rich farmers and should be phased out. A free market for water would reveal its true value and encourage rain-fed farming and water-conserving techniques. Sprinkler and drip irrigation systems use up to 50% less water than the conventional flooding of fields does. If we reduced irrigation, rivers could once again flow freely, aquifers could be replenished, and we'd be left with more water for other uses. We would also slow the process of salinization—the buildup in the soil of trace salts from the irrigation water.

These are a few things to think about while you're standing in line for your next Bon Appetit meal. In my next article, I'll discuss how we can wean ourselves from a destructive overreliance on inorganic fertilizers and pesticides.

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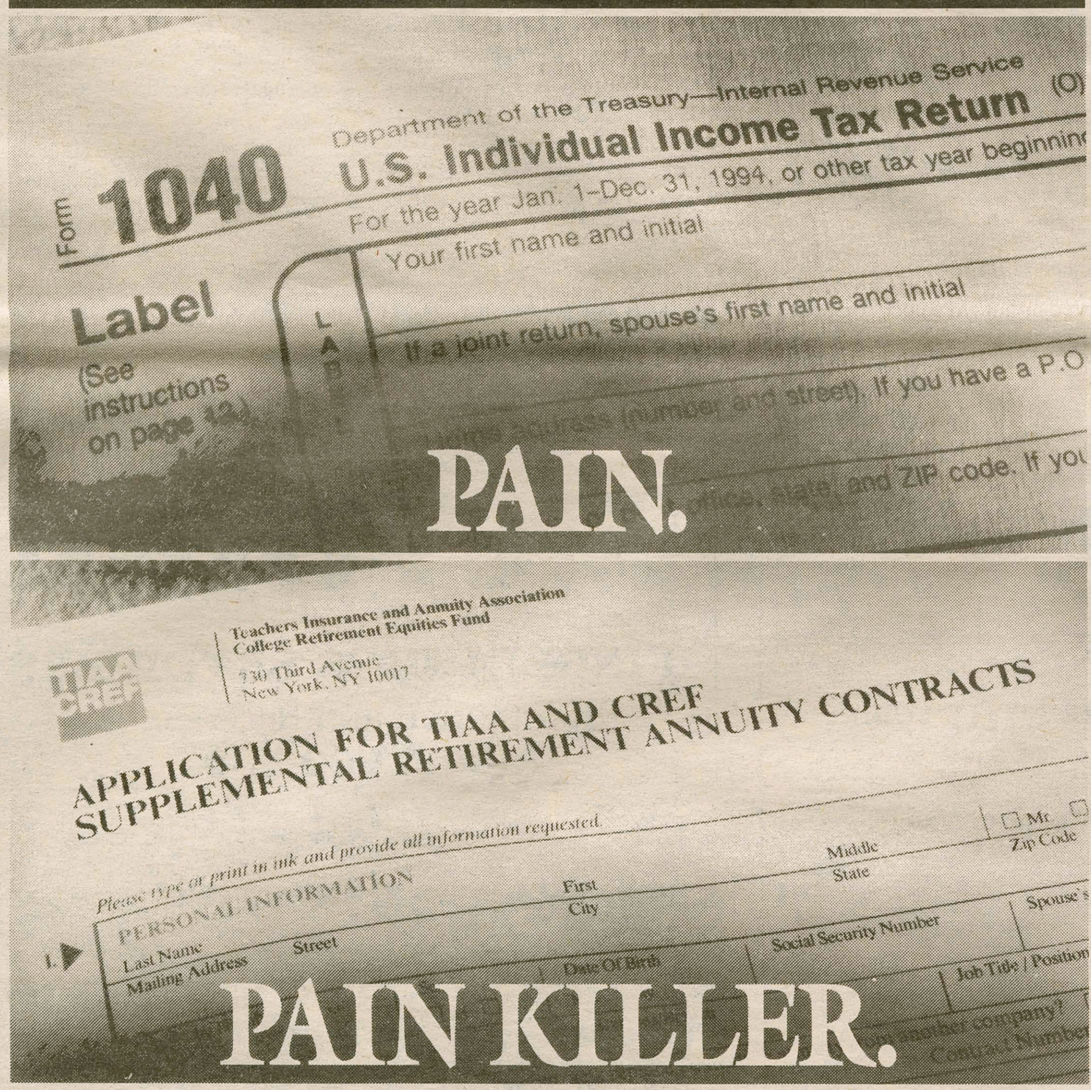

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Global woes overshadow crucial political concerns

ZACHARY THOMAS
JUST A THOUGHT

The importance of political elections is not only to solidify the future of the given constituency, but more interestingly, they define the mood of that constituency. All eligible voters are asked to probe their ideologies and support one candidate. Although not all voters harness this responsibility as fully as others, you would be hard-pressed to find anyone who has not spent some time on this subject. This years' presidential race has unveiled, more so than others, some frightening notions that a staggering amount of Americans support and promote.

Often times our insular boarding school with beer does not allow us to see the "big picture." We tend to focus our efforts on things such as anonymous flyers left on the dining room tables. Although this lowly form of "campus graffiti" should be addressed, it should not cloud the "big picture." Hamilton seems to mirror my conception of righteousness and justice more closely than does the "big picture." This may be a function of conformity, but more likely it is a function of living in an intellectual environment (not that I have bought into campus propaganda). The point is that frightening ideologies exist mainly outside of our community. When the enormity and possible implications of these ideologies are measured, our bickering becomes mere rhetoric.

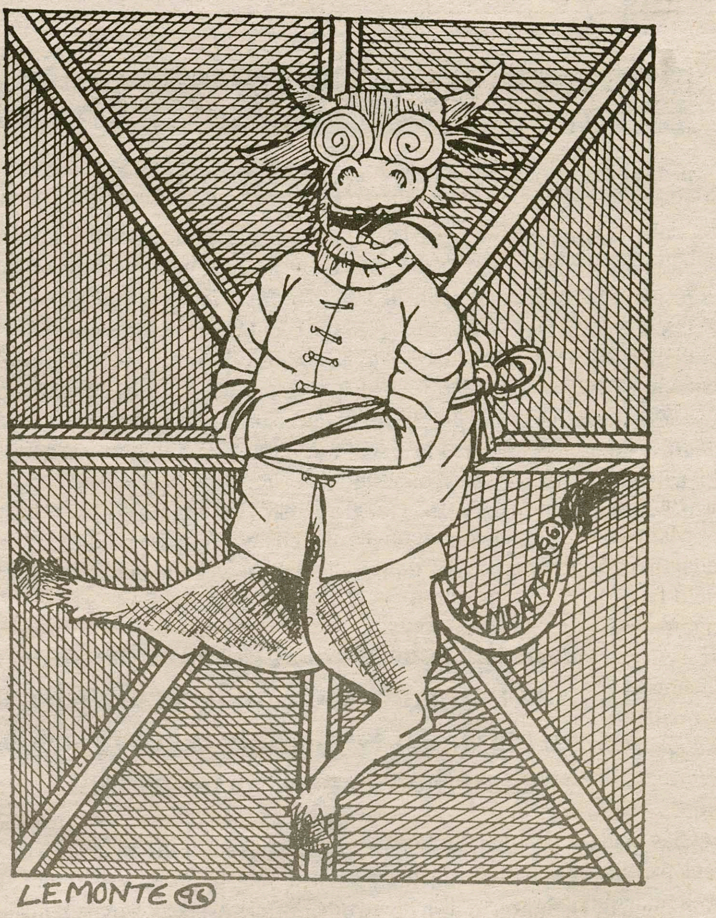
One such frightening ideology hit the mainstream as Patrick Buchanan became a threat to the Republican nomination. Yeah, we all know that Bob Dole has locked-up the nomination, and it follows that Patrick Buchanan should be disregarded as just another extremist candidate who had his day in the sun. Maybe this is true, but Buchanan rallied, according to one poll in *Time*, almost 21% support. In essence, these people, after probing their ideology, decided that Buchanan's ideology was consistent with their own. What exactly does this mean?

For one, they agree with his often racist, classist, anti-semetic, and sexist zeal. They subscribe to the many photo-ops depicting Buchanan wearing Uncle Sam's outfit and toting two six shooters — just for the kids. In form, shenanigans such as these surround most campaigns. The content of Buchanan's shenanigans, along with his 21% support, seems to purport an ideology which relatively reduces our correspondences to what they are — graffiti.

How would we respond to the claim that, "Women (are) simply not endowed by nature with the same measures of single-minded ambition and the will to succeed.?" Or, "Gays have declared war on nature?" I would guess that these claims spark a little anger and resentment. Furthermore, they would be thwarted with opposition if they were distributed around campus. Well, 21% of our population, headed by Buchanan, seem to find no problem with the above statements. The bottom line is, to some extent, this: 21% of our population are openly displaying their bigotry and have, in part, transformed this into a political agenda.

Also, as we protect and argue our multi-cultural education from the grass-roots, it is being chopped off at the neck. Buchanan proposes a 200-mile fence between Mexico and the United States. He would like to pass a 5 year moratorium on immigration, and to pull the United States out of the World Trade Organization. None of these policies are directed at effecting our multi-cultural environment, but the precedent would be set. We would all then be "Real Americans" without the threat of outsiders. If the insularity of Hamilton is unnerving, think about what Buchanan's plan would do.

My point in writing this is not to discredit the actions that take place on this campus because the impetus to change normally occurs on college campuses. It is very important for our community to gain some sort of tolerance and understanding. What is unnerving is that many people cry injustice at Hamilton over very inconsequential things. We need to gain some perspective. When the "Big Picture" is examined, Hamilton becomes a plateau of justice, be it deserved or not. We need to open our eyes a little wider to see the real threats to our society, ones with legitimacy and enormity such as Buchanan's. Once we have this vision, our jawing over banal matters can give way to real problems.



Where's the beef?

BARI ALTBERG
ANYONE'S TAKE

There's a mad cow disease scare in Britain that has been causing alarm in the United States as to how safe our beef really is. In a meeting of 70 animal and public health experts at the US Department of Agriculture, it was established with confidence that this mad cow disease has not ocurred in the United States. However, the routine tests for cattle brain disease has been increased in order to ensure this confidence. Through a five year span beginning in 1990, approximately 2,660 cattle have been tested in the US using British standard techniques. Out of these cattle, no diseases were found. In addition, the US has been carefully monitoring the beef imported from Britain. While all of these precautions and assurances are being made, some experts are still skeptical about how effective the techniques are to test the cows.

In Britain, mad cow disease is believed to have started in the sheep, which were then fed to the cows as protein supplements. The cows then contracted the disease from eating these infected sheep parts. The disease in humans is called Ceutzfeldt-Jakob disease, which is a slow attacking brain disease destroying nerve cells. The disease takes many years to detect within humans, but the recent amount of cases identified in Britain can be the beginning of a new epidemic.

Dr. Richard F. Marsh of the University of Wisconsin is one of the experts skeptical about the sophistication of the monitoring system used in the United States to detect the disease. He believes that the research being done is not sufficient to allow for this high sense of security. He has conducted research on a mink disease that is similar to that of mad cow disease. The same scrapie that afflicted the sheep in Britain also exists in the United States, and is being fed to the cattle. Additionally, the ability to accurately detect and monitor Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease within humans is difficult, and therefore there could be cases that go undetected. While the sheep-to-cow transmission has been tightly regulated, it is still hard to verify the possibility in the United States. Studies conducted showed that the sheep in the United States may differ in the way that they are infected from the scrapie than the British sheep. Therefore, there is no real threat of transmission to humans.

The FDA has banned bovine material from any country inflicted with the mad cow disease, and the World Health Organization has called for a meeting to set up guidelines to follow. These precautions will ensure the $36 billion American beef industry of business, allowing for chains like McDonald's to keep their customers satisfied in knowing "where's the beef?"

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EDITORIAL

College should spend wisely

This Monday, a remarkable and exiting event will be the center of attention on campus. Students, their parents, administrators and local residents will descend upon the Hill to hear the first speaker in the Hamilton Great Names Series. Organizers of the event expect a colossal crowd to pack themselves into the fieldhouse to hear Colin Powell, a man that has led our country onto the battlefield, speak to them on an unknown topic. People will come, not because the speech is guaranteed to be fascinating, but because they are enamored by the man who will deliver it. After all, this is a great man, a man who holds a place in our nation's history and may yet become an even more important figure in the years to come. Boy, won't Williams be jealous.

There is no doubt that having Colin Powell speak is an extremely positive thing for the College. The truth is that Powell is great publicity for a school

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that, like other schools of its type, perpetuates itself in a large part by image. To have prospective students hear that such a prominent figure thought enough of Hamilton to turn down other offers to speak here is fantastic, and it is a great opportunity for current students to be able to attend such a speech in a relatively intimate setting. Parents love to hear that the man they admired as a military leader, and hoped would accept a nomination for president, will be going to the school they send their children to. This is probably the most expensive advertising Hamilton has ever done. The cost for the speaker has been rumored to be $60,000 and even if this isn't the exact figure, one can assume that the true price was not far off.

In a time of budget restrictions and sky-high and rising tuitions, one must wonder how necessary this advertisement is. When the school is asking for families and students to tighten their budgets in order to attend classes, it is only fair that the school do the same sort of tightening on their expenditures.

It is tempting to view this as an investment, as so many of the recent costly undertakings of Hamilton have been classified. An investment of this magnitude should promise to pay off over a long period of time, and a speaker is a fleeting moment in the spotlight for Hamilton. A year from now it will be only the people who attended that will remember how meaningful the night was. An investment in professor salaries would not have the same popular appeal as a high profile speaker, but it would confer a lasting benefit.

Colin Powell's arrival at Hamilton on Monday will be a good thing, in fact, he will probably be worth whatever Hamilton payed. It is not the singular large expenditure that is worrisome, but a continued trend of spending for non-essential items and occurrences. Launching into the Great Names Series is an excellent move for the school, but it seems difficult to justify when complaining of a budget shortfall and asking students to pay more.

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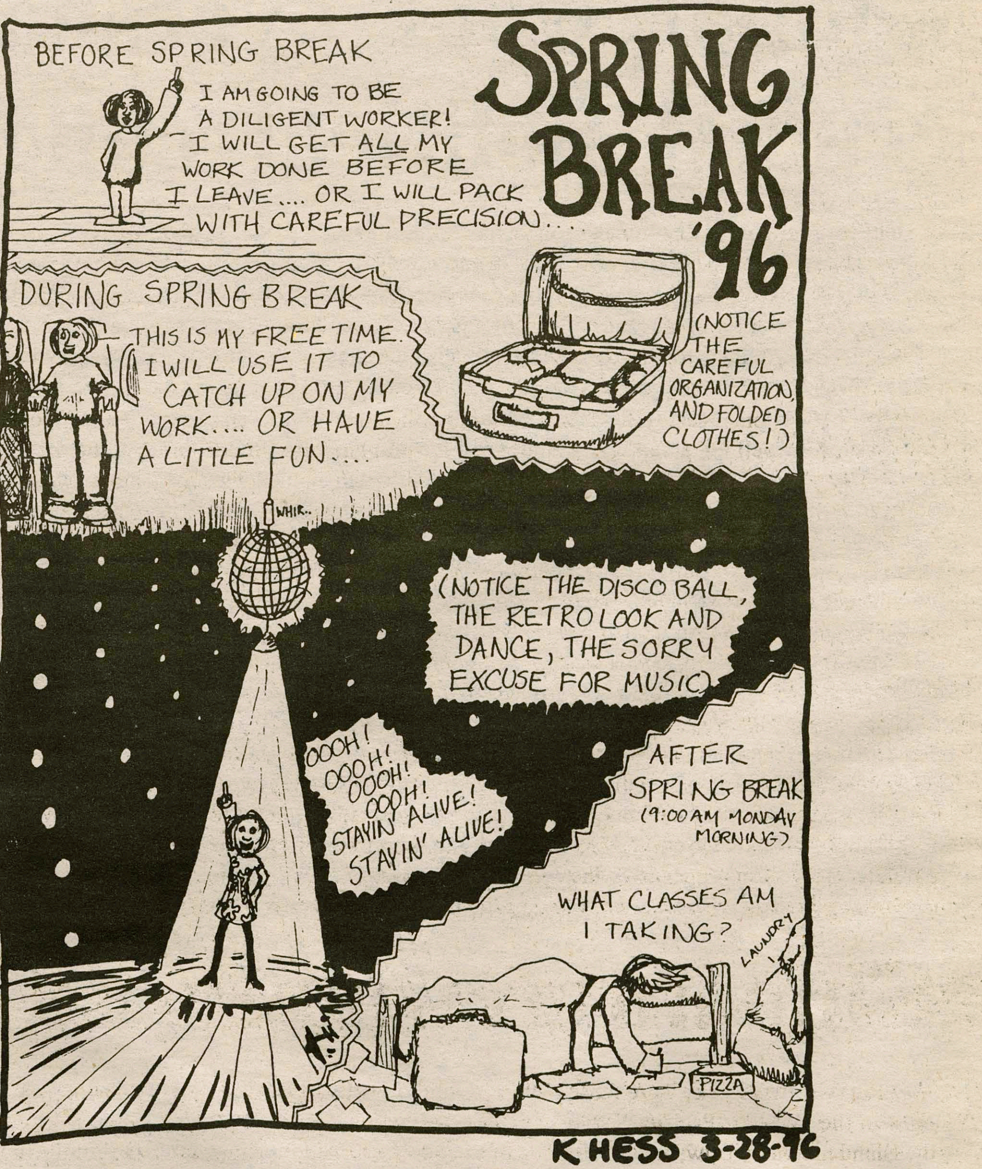

LETTERS TO·THE·EDITOR

Racial biases evident in Grievance Board poster

To The Editor:

Recently I encountered one of the Sexual Harassment Grievance Board's promotional posters on campus. The flyer advertises positions to be filled. I was puzzled and disturbed, however, at this otherwise ordinary document because of the statement at the bottom: "Men and students of color are encouraged to apply." This blatant and causal statement of racial preference possesses no formal or institutional authority or reason for existence.

Since Sexual Harassment Grievance Board is in fact an organization which deals with accusations and crimes of a sexual nature, I can understand the desire for a more or less balanced membership in terms of sex. Even this could be disputed, surely, if our social structure did not create unnecessary distinctions between males and females. My contention remains with the specific request for "students of color." I assume that the Board prefers that membership is comprised of both white and non-white students in a more balanced ratio than is currently the case. If this is the reasoning, I see no reason why this preference should be allowed.

Firstly, in a sexual harassment charge, the focus is on the species and execution of the alleged transgression; the racial backgrounds of the parties have no intrinsic relationship to the matter. Certainly some aspects of past individual behavior and background may be relevant, depending on the case. But race by itself is not necessarily a determinant or feature of a harassment charge.

Secondly, the conviction that races should be equally represented implies the existence of a fundamental discrepancy between white people and non-white people. If the Board believes that having non-white members will improve the functioning of the Board — as clearly indicated by a statement of encouragement to join — this only reveals an underlying assumption that it is a racial variable by which people are differentiated. This is a racist assumption. If an organization encourages a specific type of person to join, it obviously believes that such a person has some quality to be desired. If whites and non-whites are truly equal, why should one be preferred over another on the basis of race?

Finally, if the Board does not believe that more non-whites will make decisions, judgements, and procedures fairer or more equal in some way, then what could be this statement's motive? It may be to simply have more non-whites as members, perhaps for the purpose of image. An organization does have a right to desire, within reason, a particular appearance for itself. Fashioning an appearance through the election of members of a particular race, however, is not acceptable. Besides the implications, cited above, of acting on racial biases, the proportions of race at Hamilton do not disallow the current ratio. According to college-published statistics, Hamilton enrollment percentages (1995-1996) of white students and non-white students are 87.0% and 13.0%, respectively. Therefore, a board of ten members with one non-white member is quite in accordance with the overall ratio.

I hope that I have succeeded in this expression of my argument.

Joseph Saponaro '96

"Dawg Pound" praised by Dean Vellines

To The Editor:

Last week when I attended the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament in the gym, I was struck by the change in the "Dawg Pound." Frankly, in the past, the cheers and behavior of the guys on the end line were dismaying. I would leave a game and wonder what others must think of students who attend Hamilton College. On the one hand, the cheering that was done was often crass and on the other hand, the rest of the students were apathetic. I wasn't sure which was worse.

I was proud to be a Hamilton fan last week. I'm sorely disappointed that we lost, but I saw a glimpse of some genuine school spirit emerging. I would like to congratulate the DU brothers or pledges (I'm not sure which) for working to get the crowd involved. The dog was terrific and your enthusiasm was contagious. I hope that you will work to bring this same spirit to other events on campus.

Mary Karen Vellines
Assistant Dean of Admission

Letters and Op-Ed

Limited access for Hamilton's 888 key

Ben Mintz
Grey Matters

At the end of the year, America unfortunately had to suffer through the return of O.J Simpson. Just when we had assumed he was forgotten, the Juice suddenly started playing golf, smiling, got sued, and began reappearing on the covers of magazines. Hamilton College's own version of O.J., Steve the Roma's Guy, has also commenced a comeback. He has manifested himself in a far worse fashion than Simpson; his legacy has started to threaten our beloved 888 keys.

First, some background for those of you not familiar with Steve the Roma's Guy, a Hamilton icon gone bad. A year and a half ago, he was just the friendly pizza delivery man who brought oversized slices and sugary, fried dough to students with the munchies. His arrival on the hill was usually a bit after the "half hour - forty minutes" the voice on the telephone said, but any anger over the tardiness was lost when the trademark rasp on the door and "Roomass" was heard.

Then the dream turned sour. It began with reports of stolen items from a lounge in one of the suites. A suspect list began and soon instead of dodging the tabloids and paparazzi of the Central Leatherstocking Region, Steve was dodging the questions of Kirkland police detectives. He was arrested for burglary and fired from Roma's. Although denied by any one with factual knowledge of the situation, some accounts report that the suspect's arrest was preceded by a high speed chase down the New York State Thruway. In any event, Steve petitioned for support and donations to his Legal Defense Fund through *The Spectator* and WHCL. I am unaware of Steve's current status, but this surreal melodrama has left a legacy in the form of questions about security in the minds of many community members.

In light of the aforementioned incident, questions have arisen concerning the prudence of allowing those not involved with the college (i.e. delivery people) to have a key to any residence on campus. However, it is difficult to prevent at least one of the copyable 888 keys from falling into the hands of an outsider. Merely making rules against possession of the key is and empty action an unenforceable. The college has thought of an alternate plan and has begun to implement part of it.

The first encounter with this new system was had by the residents of Wallace Johnson. When they returned to the hill after spring break, they were asked by security to hand in their old, broken-in 888 keys in exchange for new keys which work only in Wally J doors. Security explained to one resident that to prevent random folk from wandering about the dormitories, each housing option will have its own key that will work in only that dorm's doors. However, for now the only locks that have been changed are in Wally J. This action not only makes it difficult for J'ers to visit others because they do not have keys to get in to other dormitories or callboxes at the door, but it also makes it difficult for others to visit them. I am reluctant to walk down the hill on a cold night if I might not even be able to enter the building.

If this plan is followed through with, it will effectively kill most of the scarce social life, energy, and spontaneity left on this campus. Without phones at the doors or keys on the ring to open those doors, visitors will have to make appointments to meet their friends at the door. This system will become extremely tiresome if more than one visitor is involved. Furthermore, unless you have a cellular phone which most students do not, it will be very difficult to decide to see someone spur of the moment. If this new plan is enacted, I highly recomend not living on the first floor, especially near an entrance. Finally, there is the original issue of food deliveries; when most people order food, waiting at the front door for the next two hours is not at the top of their agenda.

If having students living off campus created exclusive cliques and prevented people from meeting and interacting, I can only imagine what the effect of this new idea will be. Someone a bit more paranoid and radically anti-administration than myself (which I admit is a difficult person to find) might theorize that we are the subjects of a master plan to kill any fun or happiness on our campus. Personally, my opinion is that this is another asinine decision thought up to answer a problem in sheer theory without taking into account any form of reality.

China: a growing threat to freedom and democracy

Alejandro Eder
Global Core

The past two weeks were tense ones in the Western Pacific. While the island nation of Taiwan (claimed to be a "renegade province" by the People's Republic of China) held its first democratic elections in history, the Chinese armed forces held naval training and live war games in the Taiwan Strait, some of which included shooting missiles over the small island-state. Immediately the United States stepped in to defend Taiwan by increasing their military presence in the area east of Taiwan. These shows of force by the Chinese and the Americans has political analysts confused about the consequences. The general consensus is that the Chinese were just trying to remind the Taiwanese that they were still under China's shadow, thus hoping to scare voters away from the polls. However, there is no doubt that the Chinese were also trying to show the world that they are a rapidly growing power and that they should not be passed off as a second-class nation. It is well known around the world, and somewhat feared particularly in Asia, that the Chinese are growing economically at an astounding rate. While this is good on the one hand because the opportunity of profitable foreign investment is created, it also poses a threat to the world's leading econmies because investment as such inevitably helps to strengthen China's economy and, consequently, China itself.

The threat of an economicaly stronger China, one that can actually compete against markets like the American or the Japanese, is quite menacing because China could mange to recreate the phenomenon of a Cold War between the capitalists and the communists. The only difference would be that, unlike the previous Cold War against the Soviet Union, this one would be against not only a nuclear China, but also a rich China. One of the fundamental reasons why the Soviet Union collapsed was because of its weak economy. The Chinese are not going to make the same mistake.

A more probable negative effect of Chinese growth is that if China manages to get a place next to the world's top economies, the United States and other countries will have less tools to apply diplomatic pressure on China to stop things like human rights abuses from happening there. China's one billion inhabitants will help it develop into a very strong and diverse market which the world will not be willing to lose by taking the risk of guiding Chinese national policy. If the West was unable to do anything when the Tianemin Square massacre occurred in 1989 while China was considerably weak, imagine the impotence of the West against a rich and prosperous China sometime in the near future.

However, there is also a probability that an economically strong China might actually be beneficial to Western interests. On the one hand, an open Chinese market does create the opportunity for foreign investment and in today's world that is where the money is. This foreign investment serves as more than just an economic benefit. If the Western countries play their cards right they might be able to make China dependent on their investments as opposed to China making them dependent on its investment opportunities. Should the West acquire this fundamental tool they would be able to carry out change in Chinese society quicker than in any other way.

Furthermore, regardless of what the net effect of a rich China against the West would be, there is no doubt that things would begin to change in China for the better. By dealing more with the West the Chinese will inevitably begin to take in certain aspects of that culture. Chances are that in order to get Western business to quickly come in they will readjust unattractive aspects which might scare investors away.

Regardless of the possibilities, there is no doubt that China's economic progress has to be closely monitored by the current economic superpowers so that their economic strength is not risked. China's message this past week will hopefully resonate around the world so that we can prepare and understand for the future. In this now unipolar world the stronger nations cannot fail to be prepared to counter the emergence of any possible threats. If they are unprepared, they risk losing too much.

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The Spectator's Letters and Op-Ed section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, *The Spectator* does have editing policies for contributions.

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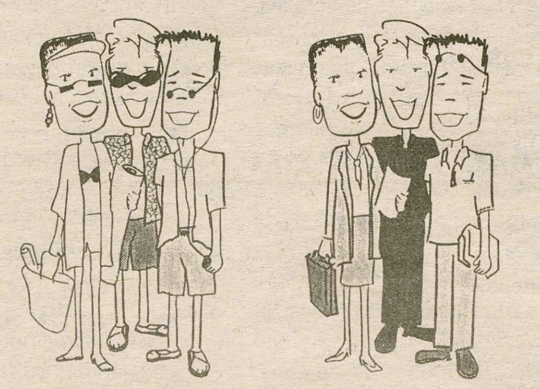

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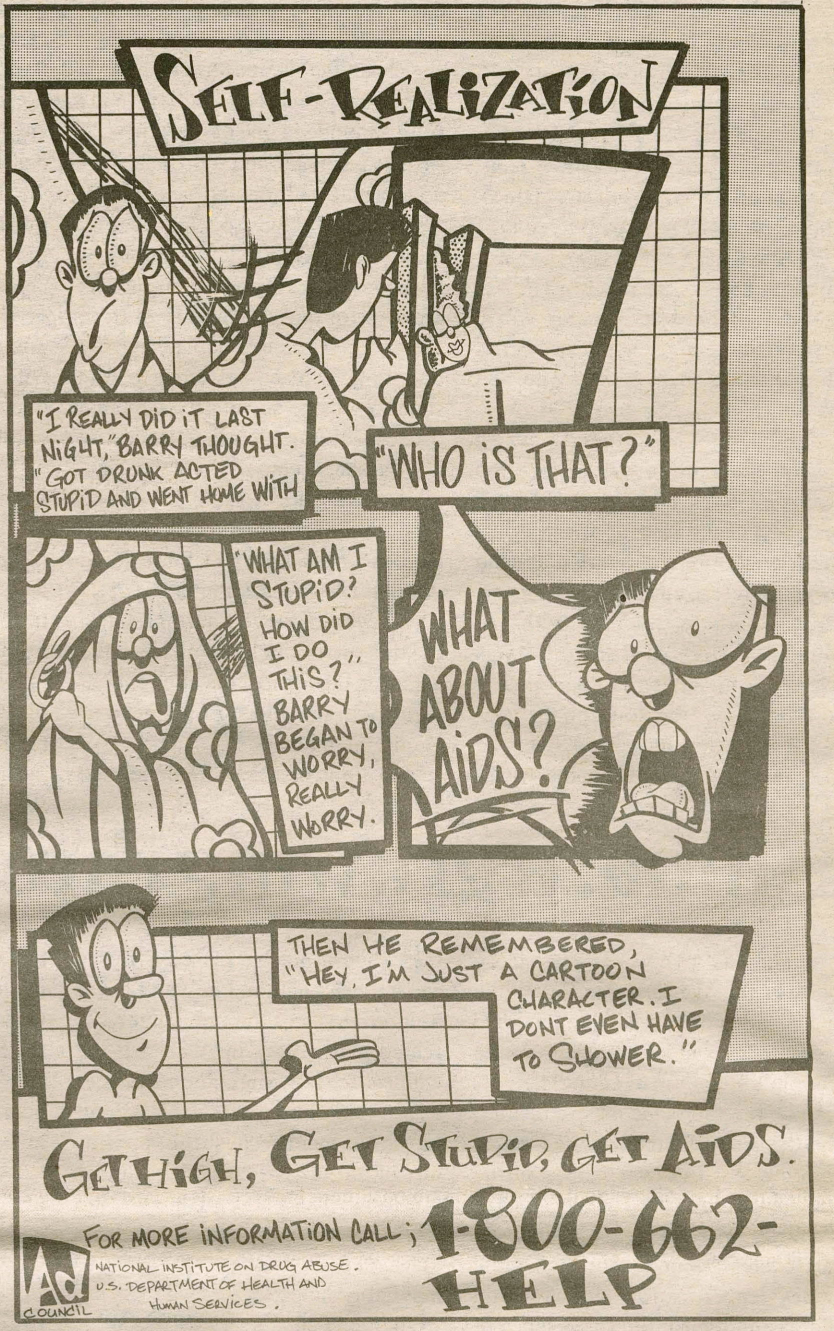

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SECURITY BLOTTER

- compiled by Alden Barlow '98

Friday March 1
12:00 a.m. : An incident of larceny was reported at the Little Pub.
2:30 a.m. : Hamilton Security received a call about disorderly conduct in Bundy East.

Saturday March 2
1:50 a.m. : A call about disorderly conduct at E.L.S came in to security.
2:20 a.m. : Another report of disorderly conduct at E.L.S. was reported.
8:50 a.m. : Hamilton Security received a report of a vehicle violation in the Main Quad.
11:50 a.m. : A violation of Hamilton's substance abuse policy was reported.
11:30 p.m. : The report of a medical emergency was received by security.
2:22 p.m. : A call of a fire alarm in Milbank notified Hamilton Security to respond.
3:12 p.m. : A report of a fire alarm in Babbitt was called in.

Sunday March 3
12:30 a.m. : Larceny/vandalism in Dunham basement was reported. The vending machine was damaged.
12:50 a.m. : A fire alarm in Milbank was called in to security.
12:58 a.m. : A fire alarm in Babbitt was reported to Hamilton Security.
1:45 a.m. : Hamilton Security received a call of a medical emergency.
3:12 a.m. : Vandalism in E.L.S. was reported.
9:00 a.m. : A medical emergency was reported.
12:20 p.m. : Security answered a call about a fire alarm in DKE.
7:50 p.m. : Lawn damage was reported to security.
8:15 p.m. : A motor vehicle accident report was received by Hamilton Security.
11:59 p.m. : Security answered a call about a fire alarm in Bundy East.

Monday March 4
2:20 p.m. : Larceny was reported. Personal property was taken from Bristol Campus Center.

Wednesday March 6
11:15 p.m. : A medical emergency was reported to security.

Thursday March 7
12:45 a.m. : A fire alarm in Major was called in to Hamilton Security.
3:59 a.m. : Security received a call about a noise complaint in Milbank.

Friday March 8
12:55 a.m. : A medical emergency was reported.
10: 30 a.m. : Security received a call about a motor vehicle violation.
1:08 p.m. : Another call of a motor vehicle violation was reported.
4:10 p.m. : A motor vehicle accident was called in to Hamilton Security.
8:25 p.m. : Security responded to a call about a fire alarm in North.
9:10 p.m. : A report of a housing violation was called in to security.

SPECTATOR CLASSIFIED

The Spec Classified is a new section that includes Quotable Quotes, Personals, and Classified ads. Send your information to The Spec Classified via campus mail or email to "spectator@hamilton.edu".

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"How was your break?"
-Said by every single Hamilton student at least five times. That's 5 times 1650 which makes a minimum of 8250 times that this has been said on this campus during the past week. Making this the #1 quote of the week.

"The parties there were so cheesy that even the DU brothers felt uncomfortable."
- Anonymous student on his trip to Cancun over spring break, gee sounds like alot of fun.

"Women fake orgasms because men fake foreplay."
-Cynthia Newsome '98 in response to a complaint about faked orgasms from a male friend.

PERSONALS

Thank you to all who supported the Panthers.
-Moe

Three stooges-
My friends, my friends. . .lets party it up this weekend. I missed you over break, and I'm glad we're back. I love you guys.
-Frosty

Gorgeous-
Don't take my coldness to heart. I love you. Strawberry wine and whipped cream alone, its coming.
-Beautiful

Sam W.-
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-The Lova Girl

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IM Softball! Team rosters due with $10 forfeit fee by Thursday April 4th. Teams must have at least three women per team. Send to Kim Hurme via campus mail. Any Questions call x1722.

Looking to make some extra money? The residents of the Dunham fishbowl need two people to clean our room we will pay $25 a piece for the work. Please call x0424 or come by Dunham 133.

Outing club members, please return equipement that you borrowed for spring break on Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

Rugby! All men interested in playing please attend practice on Minor Field every weekday at 4:30.

Student Hosts Needed! If you would like to host an accepted student during the spring open house, please contact Jay Bonhamat X4421.

Rocky Horror Auditions! here's your chance to become a star and fly free like you've always dreamed. Audition to be a part of the now legendary RHPS this Thursday and Friday at 4pm in the loft. call Becky X1808 or Liz X0974 for more info.

Please send all of your Classified ad's to the Spectator via campus mail

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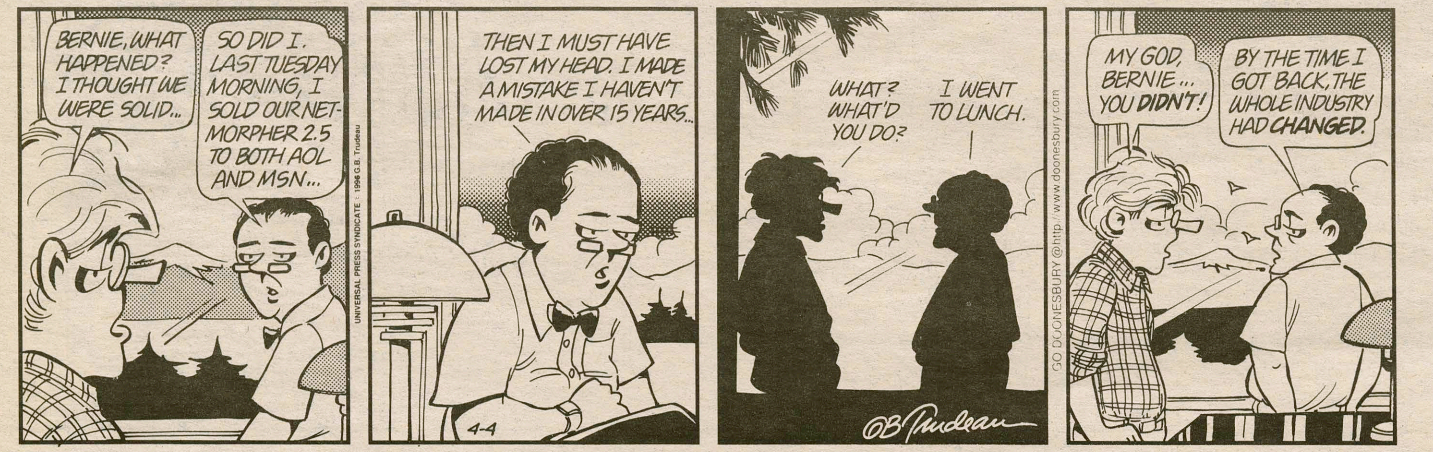

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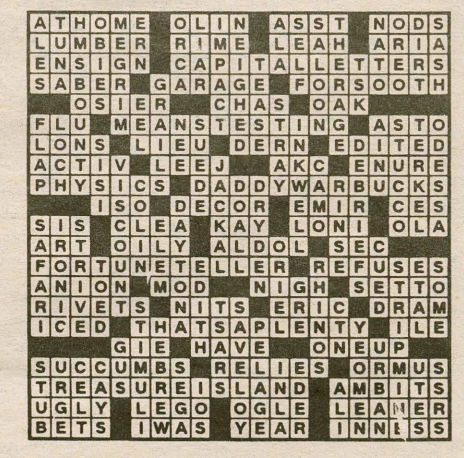

SUMMER HOUSING AVAILABILITY

Those students who are working full-time (35 hours per week)on campus this summer are eligible to apply for limited housing. If you are interested, pick up a pamphlet and application in the Office of Auxiliary and Contract Services, Buttrick Hall. Applications are due back no later than May 1, 1996.

SUMMER PROGRAMS' POSITIONS

The following positions are available for the summer in the Office of Auxiliary and Contract Services:

(1) Health Center Staff Position
(4) Lifeguard Positions
(2) Summer Host Positions
(3) Summer Programs Assistants Positions

Anyone interested in these positions should contact Angie Bottini, extension 4372, Buttrick Hall.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS:

POSITIONS AVAILABLE NOW FOR THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT GRIEVANCE BOARD

Student representatives are needed for the Sexual Harassment Grievance Board to serve a two year term beginning fall 96. If interested, obtain an application from any of the current Board members listed below.

Applications must be submitted to Professor Haley (Couper 110) by April 5th.

Men and students of color are encouraged to apply.

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SHGB Board Members on campus:
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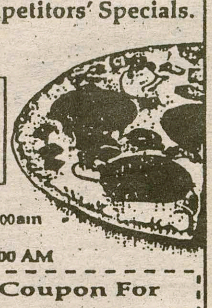

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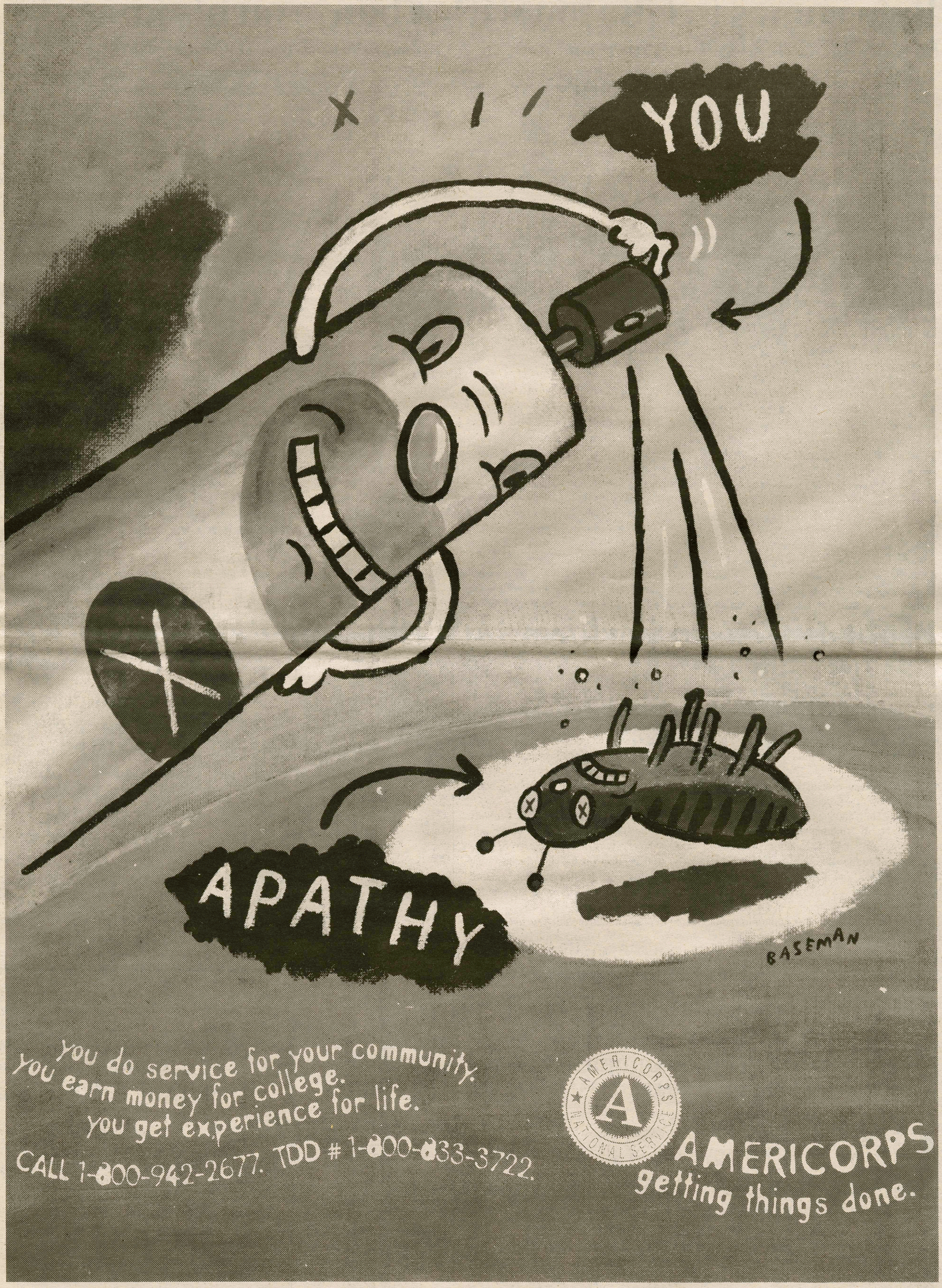
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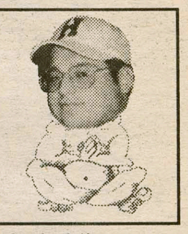

Béla comes to Clinton with a banjo on his knee

Dave Matthews Band makes 'Crash' with new, yet familiar studio album set for late April

By Peter Gaston '99
Managing Editor

For most of us, the banjo is the instrument of the Dukes of Hazzard theme song or freaks at some cheesy amusement park show. For Béla Fleck, it is "the sound of mercury." Fleck, bassist Victor Wooten, and percussion wizard Future Man comprise Béla Fleck and the Flecktones, and their performance in the Chapel Saturday beginning at 10 p.m. will extend your musical horizons to infinity.

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Future Man, Béla Fleck, and Victor Wooten: the Flecktones.

Fleck's sound is centered around the banjo, and combined with bass and percussion it has become one of the most unique jazz concoctions of the past decade. Both with and without the Flecktones, Bela has been churning out groundbreaking music for the past decade.

As a 15-year old, Fleck received his first banjo and shortly thereafter he saw Chick Corea and Return to Forever at the Beacon Theater in New York. These two events are representative of Fleck's musical destiny–a seamless integration of bluegrass and jazz that is perhaps best embodied on his most recent solo effort, Tales From the Acoustic Planet (Warner Bros.).

The album features guest appearances by Corea, Branford Marsalis, Bruce Hornsby, and Tony Rice among others and was recorded as a spontaneous reaction of the artists recording the songs as they learned them. This kind of vibe is sure to be one exuding from the Chapel stage tomorrow.

Fleck has opened for the Grateful Dead with his renegade country outfit New Grass Revival and has collaborated recently on projects by Hornsby and Phish just to name a few. His musical originality and immense talent have definitely caught the eye of many musicians.

Personally, I've only heard a little taste of Bela's recordings, but I've been nothing but impressed. This weekend, *The Spectator* will have a great opportunity to spend some time with Béla and the Flecktones before their show.

Next week we will be giving you an extensive look back at the show and at our time with the band.

Music News

After breaking through to mass success in 1995, the **Dave Matthews Band** is ready for more. April 30 is the release date for *Crash* (RCA), the band's third full-length album.

DMB fans will know the album material—it is a collection of many of the great Matthews songs that did not make it onto *Remember Two Things* (Bama Rags) or *Under The Table And Dreaming* (RCA).

An insider source divulged this setlist for the new album on the Satellite Castle web site: "So Much To Say," "Two-Step," "Crash Into Me," "Too Much," "#41," "Say Goodbye," "Drive In, Drive Out," "Let You Down," "Lie in Our Graves," "Cry Freedom," "Tripping Billies," "Proudest Monkey."

The big surprise is "Tripping Billies," a song from *Remember Two Things.* Perhaps DMB is hoping to score a hit with some older material.

Then again, this seems to be the thinking behind the whole album. "So Much To Say," "Lie in Our Graves," and "Drive In, Drive Out" have been in DMB live sets for years.

"Too Much," a song debuted in DMB's mini tour in December, appears to be the first single. WHCL received the single yesterday so call and request it.

DMB will also be holding a spot on this summer's installment of the H.O.R.D.E. extravaganza. They will play the first half of the tour with dates in the midwest and west. The closest date is in Memphis. Blues Traveler is headlining the tour.

God Street Wine will officially release its new album on Tuesday. *Red* (Mercury) was released independently by the band in November but when GSW signed with Mercury, the album was sent to be remastered in the studio.

The new version of *Red* is likely to include a shorter "RU4 Real?" The original version covered almost eight minutes, but now it will be the first single and video from *Red.*

GSW will play at Syracuse University on April 27 headlining a bill that includes Morphine and The Pharcyde. Admission is free, so if you're disappointed that GSW and Morphine were not booked by CAB, head on over to Syracuse.

CD Pick of the Week: *Black Love* (Elektra) is the new release from the **Afghan Whigs**. Greg Dulli, head Whig, paints a grim and visceral picture of love, drugs, and hard life in the album's powerful 11 tracks. The Whigs musicianship is killer as their hard beats and distorted slide guitar are blended with organs and lap steel.

Peabody Trio to perform in Wellin tonight

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The Peabody Trio, winners of the 1989 Naumberg Chamber Music Award, will perform tonight in Wellin Hall. Admission to the concert is $13 for the general public and $4 for students.

Formed in San Francisco in 1986, the trio made its New York debut in April, 1990 at Alice Tully Hall, and have since performed on many of North America's most prestigious stages, including the JFK Center in Washington, D.C., the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena, California, and in Denver, Indianapolis and Chicago.

They have also performed in Canada and Japan, and have been heard on numerous radio broadcasts, including National Public Radio's "Performance Today," CBC and Morning Pro Musica.

Beginning a full-time residence at the Peabody Institute of Baltimore, Maryland in 1987, the Peabody Trio is very active in commissioning and performing new music for the piano trio, as well as performing the standard literature. With the Peabody Institute, they have established a program which enables them to commission new works by contemporary composers.

The Washington Post says, "The Peabody Trio is an outstanding ensemble of young musicians who play with the romantic fervor of the early 20th century greats, and the fact that among their specialties is the performance of new music does not seem to have tempered these inclinations at all."

The program will include *Trio in E Minor, Hoboken XV:12* by Franz Joseph Haydn, a trio by Charles Ives and a trio by Maurice Ravel.

The Peabody Trio

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MOVIES IN REVIEW

Mr. Holland's Opus B+ **Diabolique** A-

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By Gina Carbone '99
A&E Writer

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Richard Dreyfus plays the title role in *Mr. Holland's Opus*

Some people have tried to compare *Mr. Holland's Opus* to *Dead Poets' Society*, pitting Richard Dreyfuss's Glen Holland up against Robin Williams's John Keating. This is a grave injustice to *Dead Poets' Society*. Not that *Mr. Holland's Opus* was a bad picture; quite the contrary. It was emotional and meaningful, yet somehow typical. It is yet another teacher-inspires-wayward-students movie. This one, however, includes greater dynamics, such as a thirty year time span, a glimpse into the teacher's troubled home life, and the following of Holland's lifelong dream of creating a masterpiece. These three elements save the movie from impending medioctiry.

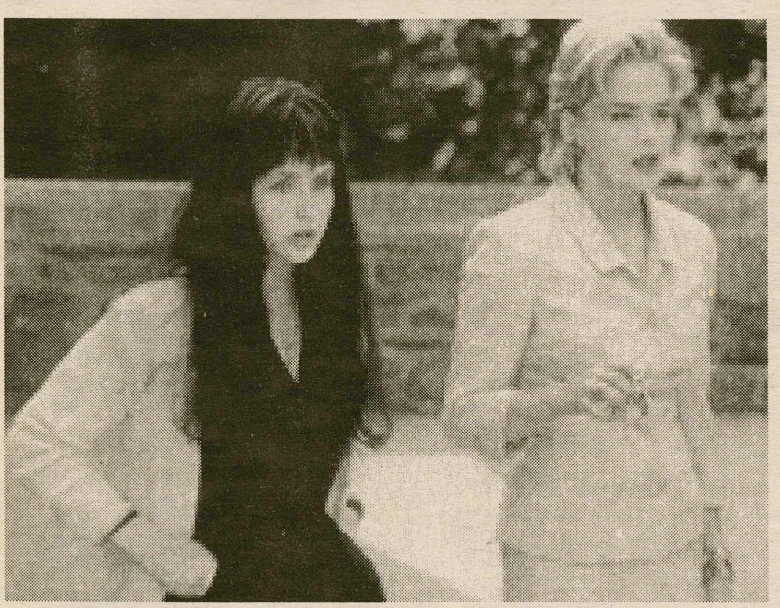
Mr. Holland reluctantly enters John F. Kennedy High School as a music appreciation teacher. He has little patience with the students, snapping at them regularly. With some helpful advice from the principal (Olympia Dukakis) and football coach (Jay Thomas), Holland begins to treat the students like humans, teaching them the meits of rock n' roll and how to make music fun. While most movies of this sort are limited to the school perspective, *Mr. Holland's Opus* concentrates on Holland's home life as well. As Holland spends what free time he has composing, his wife gives birth to a boy who is deaf. Holland has great trouble dealing with the fact that his son will never be able to hear music, but he erroneously equates this with never being able to appreciate music. Throughout the film, both father and son struggle to communicate their feelings, often using the mother as a liason.

The film follows the Holland family and the highschool for thirty years from 1965 to 1995. During each decade, Mr. Holland touches the life of a different student: a clarinet player in the 60's, a football playing drummer in the 70's, a runaway singer in the 80's, and a rebellious know-it-all in the 90's. In the end, an elderly Mr. Holland fears that he has failed at his greatest dream—composing a masterpiece. What his family, friend, and students teach him is that they are his masterpiece, his opus. In the heartwarming final scene, he is reunited with students from his early days of teaching who have returned to remind him of his profound effect on their lives.

This is an emotional role for Dreyfuss, an Academy Award-nominated on at that. His character runs the gamut of emotions, from rage to bliss and everything in between. The makeup and clothing he uses to illustrate the time change are impressive. The entire movie seems very authenic, as though it could be any high school and any teahcer's life.

Diabolique

Apparently the original, French version of Diabolique was not twisted enough, so the producers of this American version did their best to make sure that this year's audience would have no chance to find the movie tame. Indeed, it worked. This modern take of Diabolique, starring Sharon Stone, Chazz Palminteri (The Usual Suspects), French actress Isabelle Adjani and Cathy Bates (Misery) manages to work in many more 90's elements, including three strong female leads, a good deal of male bashing, the trials of breast cancer, and the sexual tension apparent between Stone's and Adjani's characters.



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Isabelle Adjani and Sharon Stone become tangled in the murder and mayhem of *Diabolique*.

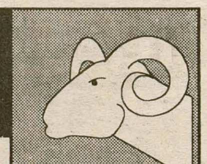
Adjani's chracter, Mia, is an exnun married to Palminter's Guy. They run a boys' preparatory school in New England, where Guy is the pricipal/dictator. He is a cruel man who treats Mia like a child-slave while maintaining an open affair with Stone's character, Ms. Homer, a math teacher at the school. Instead of hating each other over Guy, Ms. Homer and Mia are very close, protecting each other from the man they both seem to love and hate concurrently. The two become fed up with Guy's cruelty to both of them and they plan to murder him. It is obvious throughout the movie that Mia is the weaker of the two women. With her long black tresses, piercing blue eyes and innocent timidity, she inspires a great deal of protection from the fiery, passionate, power-hungry mistress.

Ms. Homer virtually coerces Mia to go along with the plan, and once it's complete, the mind games begin. Someone has seen them and appears to be watching their every move. As Mia begins to quiver, Ms. Homer remains a pillar of strength. Kathy Bates enters the film as a detective who says she was the model for "Cagney and Lacey." She is hired by Mia to find Guy.

It is at this point that the twist begins. It is also at this point when many doubts enter the heads of the viewers. At an all male Catholic school that is for troubled youths, it seems unlikely that Ms. Homer would be allowed to wear the short, tight, revealing outfits that she does. I also have trouble understanding why these two seemingly intelligent women were with Guy in the first place. Mia left the sisterhood for him? Someone like Sharon Stone couldn't do any better than a high school principal? The man had no charm. Everyone in the school feared him, but no one liked him. Yet Ms. Homer continued to sleep with him while he beat her and his wife, who was her best friend.

Other than these things, the movie was enjoyable. It was suspenseful, thanks mostly to Adjani's ability to make everthing around her look threatening. She plays a good victim. I enjoyed the twists at the end. You have to love a movie with an unpredictable ending. Don't let the French name dissued you. The movie is in English and definitely worth seeing.

HOROSCOPES



For The Week Of March 29-April 4

Forseen By Dr. Wonka
A&E Astrologer

Aries
(March 21-April 19)

You've returned from spring break a bit late this year, so you had better make up for it by cracking down now. Only a few weeks left in the semester to get those grades up!

Taurus
(April 20-May 20)

This weekend will bring great changes in your life. It is uncertain what will happen, but it will be momentous. Don't party too much, but hang out with your friends.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20)

Have fun this weekend, but be careful! You may end up cheating on a loved one. Also, start counting calories. You may want to begin a workout program.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22)

Be extra careful when choosing courses for next semester. If not, you may end up taking something you're not able to handle. Also, base the decision on content rather than times that the classes are offered. You will be happier this way.

Leo
(July 23-August 22)

Remeber, an ounce of fun is worth a pound of pondering, and you sure had a fat ounce of fun this week. Now its time to begin pondering, so spend some time in the Glen.

Virgo
(August 23-September 22)

You made good use of the break to relax, unwind, and bond with family members. Now its time to pick up the pace. Work hard in the coming weeks, but don't forget to play hard also.

Libra
(September 23-October 22)

You've become involved in so many activities that you finding little free time. Keep up the involvement though, or you may find yourself becoming too absorbed in your computer and trying to conquer the world.

Scorpio
(October 23-November 21)

Time to revamp your wardrobe, some of your shirts are almost a month old already. Don't quote me on this, but I hear J. Crew is having a big sale on roll neck items which are actually going for less than the price of a used car.

Sagittarius
(November 22-December 21)

You need to take some time for yourself this week. Spending time helping others with their problems is a noble thing, but you also need to concentrate on yourself. Don't be afraid to seek help from others.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 19)

This week has been relaxing for you. You've spent some time alone and gotten some work done too. Really have fun this weekend.

Aquarius
(January 20-February 18)

Love is definietly in your near future. Your future mate is right here on the Hill, so keep your eyes open, but also exercise extreme caution.

Pisces
(February 19-March 20)

My, my, my. Your slacking this semester has been absolutely pitiful. If you don't really start hitting the books hard right now, you won't be back here in the fall.

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Calendar & Movies

29 Friday

noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
noon German Table. Azel Backus House.
3 pm Chemistry Seminar. "Energy, Structure and Bonding: Transition Metal Phosphides, Silicides and Related Compounds." Dr. Clifford Myers, SUNY at Binghamton. Room 112, Chemistry Building.
4 pm String Master Class with The Peabody Trio. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.
7:30 pm Film: Cinema Paradiso. Sponsored by Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $
8 pm MAHAS: The Peabody Trio. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center. $
8 pm Casino Night with Jim Karol. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

30 Saturday

8 pm Hamilton College Choir Homecoming Tour Concert. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.
9 pm Concert. "Bella Fleck and the Flecktones." Sponsored by Campus Activities Board. Chapel. $
10 pm Film: Cinema Paradiso. Sponsored by Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $

31 Sunday

Palm Sunday
11:30 am AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) Open Meeting. Fisher Room, Bristol Campus Center.
1 pm Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
2:30 pm Voice master Class with Deborah Massell. Schambach 201.
7:30 pm Film: Cinema Paradiso. Sponsored by Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $

1 Monday

2 Tuesday

3 Wednesday

4 Thursday

5 Friday

MOVIES

The following area movie schedules are for the week of March 29 - April 4.

Sangertown • 797-2121

All Dogs Go To Heaven 4:30, 7:00
Oliver & Company 7:45, 9:35
Sgt. Bilko 7:05, 9:20
The Birdcage 7:15, 9:50
Executive Decision 6:40, 9:40
Diabolique 7:20, 10:00
Up Close and Personal 6:50, 9:45
Down Periscope
  fri & sun-thurs 7:10, 9:30
  sat 4:20, 9:30
Homeward Bound 4:00, 6:00
Mr. Holland's Opus 7:50
Girl 6 9:10
Primal Fear 7:10

Clinton Cinema • 853-5553

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Up Town • 797-0020

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On Campus in KJ

Mi Familia
  thurs 7:00 pm
Cinema Paradiso
  sat 10:00 pm
  sun 7:30 pm

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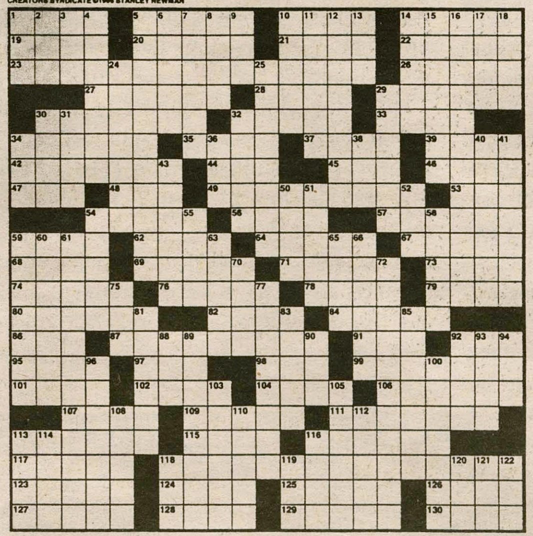

ACROSS
1 Fall faller
5 Aspirin, for one
10 Imprudent
14 Roaster chicken
19 Poet Lazarus
20 Memorize
21 *¿Cómo __ usted?*
22 Silly
23 Divided highway
26 Carter secretary of state
27 Nut-flavored seed
28 __-friendly
29 Made money
30 Newtonian law subject
32 Strike-zone boundary
33 "It's a Sin to Tell __"
34 As quickly as possible
35 Hairdo
37 Loudness unit
39 Isn't idle
42 Tout's offerings
44 Light starter
45 H+, e.g.
46 Myanmar resident
47 __ and outs
48 Alice's coworker
49 Roller coaster
53 Compass dir.
54 __ *Daughter* ('70 film)
56 Boutique
57 Split
59 Burkina Faso language
62 "Halt!"
64 Nasal quality
67 Onetime spheroid auto
68 Woodrow Wilson's son
69 Claw
71 Hair net
73 Glen Gray's Casa __ Orchestra
74 Happy
76 Nucleotide sequences
78 Hebrew month
79 Part of MIT
80 Class break
82 Defining times
84 Place
86 Exposure, in the press
87 Sneakers
91 Medium's forte
92 Director Lupino
95 Mel and Ed
97 Harem room
98 Madhouse
99 Language of 21 Across
101 Blood parts
102 Ho Chi __
104 __ fide
106 Social strata
107 Sailor's patron
109 Uncovered
111 DNA shapes
113 Eases up
115 Love god
116 Inamorato
117 Unspoken
118 Weather stripping
123 Eeyore's creator
124 Barnum client
125 Fly-caster's case
126 Polaroid inventor
127 Dogie's pa
128 Draftable
129 Forgetful moment
130 Seeing things

DOWN
1 Guided
2 Ostrich relative
3 MDs' org.
4 Least honest
5 Adhesive bandage
6 Near East inn
7 Taxiway
8 Canal through Utica
9 Cellular control agt.
10 Singer Della
11 Brush away with __ of the hand
12 *U.S.S. Voyager* is one
13 Open Door Policy proponent
14 Polite
15 Biblical liar
16 Moving van
17 Formerly
18 It's required
24 Attest to
25 Earp encounter
29 Staffed
30 Golf club
31 Court dividers
32 New Zealanders
34 Key letter
36 Bettor ctr.
38 "Alley __!"
40 Some semis
41 Show disdain to
43 Iconoclastic essayist
50 Actor Tony et al.
51 Onetime toothpaste
52 Lace into
54 TV exec Arledge
55 Flat fish
58 Justifiable
59 City subdivisions, in Spain
60 Former Cuban prcvince
61 Molasses
63 Corn breads
65 Dozes (off)
66 Hipster's growth
70 Actor Franco
72 Mezzanine
75 Recipe amt.
77 Mozart's hometown
81 TV replays
83 Sailing rig
85 Clothing
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89 Orange type
90 Adam Arkin, to Alan
92 Part of IHOP
93 Deer
94 Capp and Jolson
96 Soup cracker
100 Generally
103 Compassionate
105 Comparable to the ocean
108 Fare indicator
110 Cream-colored cheese
112 Plagues
113 Cash sources: Abbr.
114 Attractant
116 Shaver brand
118 Mystery-mail place: Abbr.
119 Strong acid
120 *Pillow Talk* star
121 Chemical ending
122 Hwys.

HAMILTON ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
ROBERT KANTROWITZ
PROFESSOR

Professor Robert Kantrowitz was in his office when I started to talk to him about his views on the Final Four. Beknownst to all who have ever stepped foot into his office (The Orange Office), Rob Kantrowitz is a die-hard Syracuse aficionado, which, if you didn't see the poster of the Carrier Dome hung on his wall, can be easily deduced from the button hanging on the poster that says "I Bleed Orange." Not only that, but he feels pretty good about Syracuse winning, based on his past basketball experiences. While in high school, one of the players on his team set the record for most points in a season, a record that still stands to this day. Then, during his sophomore year at Hamilton, the Continental record for most points in a season was set, a record which also stands to this day. But even more impressive is the fact that the Syracuse Orangemen record for most points in a season was set by, well, someone who played there when Rob was in grad school there, and yup, that record also still stands to this day! Yes, given this new found information, don't be surprised if Las Vegas bookies place Syracuse at EVEN ODDS to win it all! And look at the accompanying picture of Rob standing next to the Mississippi State University security car that Rob used as his getaway vehicle with the Miss. State mascot bound and gagged in the trunk! And for those of you in Rob's classes, he won't be there on Monday, as he will be off to steal either the Kentucky Wildcat or the UMass Minuteman! Congratulations Rob, you are the Hamilton Athletic Supporter of the Week!

Compiled By Greg Gardner '96

Bronx Bombers look to mound in quest for ring

Damon Lopez O'Dwyer
Jason Santarcangelo

Few New York baseball fans will forget the routine ground ball that snuck through a hole in the infield to put a runner on first, and none will forget the final hit—a sharply hit line drive over third base that scored the winning run in an last year's epic series between the Yankees and the Mariners. In one emotionally supercharged moment, the Yankees watched their dream season come to a premature death. There is a cure, however, for the anguish of such bitter disappointment—it is called a World Series ring. And as another winter's frost has come and gone from the hallowed field in the Bronx, Yankee fans have but one question—will this year's journey end in the promise land?

One would think that after a successful season a team would only want to make slight modifications, and in most cases that would be true, but the Shipbuilder, George Steinbrenner sold his company, moved spring training to Tampa and gave the Pinstripes another face lift. The owner started by getting rid of Buck Showalter and Gene "Stick" Michaels, and as if cleaning out the management was not enough, names like Mattingly, Stanley, McDowell, Velarde and Davis will not ring from the rafters in the House that Ruth Built. The team that was so close last year no longer looks the same. Nevertheless, a busy off-season and a time of free agent signings and trades have left the Yankees in good shape. Many of the "experts" are calling the Yankees one of the best teams in baseball.

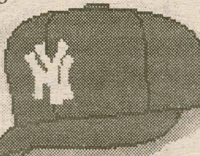
The new look Yankees have added depth to the bullpen, improved their starting pitching (if that is possible) and added more left handed bats that will reek havoc on opposing pitchers in the Bronx. Despite multiple injuries in the pre-season the Yankees look strong. Here is an in depth look at their starting line-up for opening day.

Leading off is centerfielder Bernie Williams. Bernie has progressed into one of the leagues superstars—he has great speed in the field and a solid bat, hitting .307 last year. Hitting second is third baseman Wade Boggs. The 37 year old Boggs has hit over .300 13 of his 14 years in the league, is 459 hits shy of 3000 and has turned into a Gold Glove fielder in the Bronx. Hitting third is right fielder Paul O'Neill, who gained ten pounds of muscle in the off season to avoid injuries and pack even more power into his mighty bat—before coming to the Yankees O'Neill was a .259 hitter, but in NY he has hit .309, a league leading .359 two seasons ago, and .300 in an injury riddled season.

In the cleanup position is switch hitter Ruben Sierra. Sierra, who once put up MVP numbers, wants to play in the outfield but lacks the skills and will therefore be used as a DH in hopes that his big bat will yield. The number five hitter, first baseman Tino Martinez has some big shoes to fill in the absence of Don Mattingly, but the defensively strong Martinez has a better bat than Mattingly and is coming off a career season in Seattle last year. Playing left field and hitting sixth is Gerald Williams. Williams is coming off the bench to start for an injured Tim Raines and will have to put up some big numbers to earn a permanent spot in the line up.

Hitting seventh is catcher Joe Girardi. After failing to re-sign all-star Mike Stanley (61 Home runs and 224 RBI's in last 3 years in NY), the Yankees traded for Girardi who had a career year last season (121 hits and 12 sacrifice bunts) for Colorado. Hitting eighth will be rookie shortstop Derek Jeter. Jeter is only 21 but is ready for the show after winning every minor league award. He has had a strong spring playing with confidence and appears to be ready for NY. Rounding out the line up will be either the veteran Mariano Duncan or Andy Fox who is starting in place of the injured Pat Kelly (hamstring) and Tony Fernadez (broken elbow).

The Yankees will find the key to success 90 feet away from the plate: on the mound. Leading the league's strongest pitching staff is David Cone, who is an iron man in his own right. Cone has made 246 consecutive starts without missing one due to an injury. Second in the rotation is Kenny Rogers who the Yanks acquired via free agency from Texas. Rogers is a left hander who had 17 wins in Texas last season and should like the Bronx—always a friendly place to lefties. The depth of the staff has taken pressure off of Andy Pettitte. After a strong season last year, many figure Pettitte will win in the double figures. The next two positions are still up for grabs and only time will tell who will win the jobs, but if spring training is any indication the Yanks should be in great shape. Fourth on the mound will be right hander Dwight Gooden. Gooden, who is coming off drug suspension, had his fastball regularly clocked at 94 mph with a solid curveball and slider. The Yankees will most likely round out their rotation with left hander Jimmy Key who underwent shoulder surgery last season. Also in the running are right handers Melido Perez and Scott Kamienicki, who at the least will provide the Yankees with security.



The bullpen is stronger than ever. The right side—probably the best in baseball—is anchored by John Wetteland who is one of the most feared closers in the league. Setup men Mariano Rivera, Jeff Nelson (acquired in the Tino Martinez deal), and Bob Wickman will be awesome. The left hand side is weaker but still strong, and will house Paul Gibson and Steve Howe.

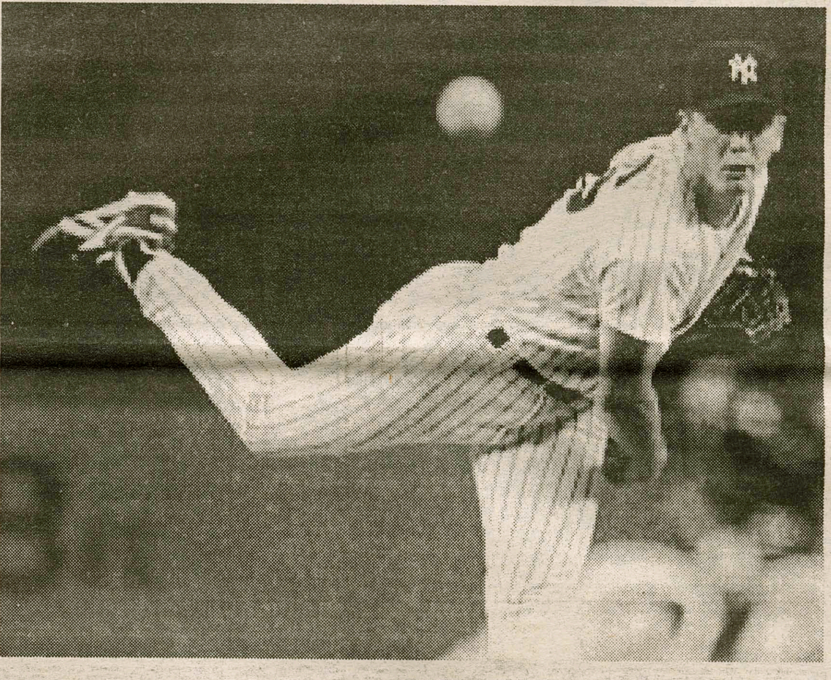
The bench has been weakened by the loss of the great utility man, Randy Velarde. Injuries have also shortened Joe Torre's bench. Jim Leyritz, who hit the winning home run in the final game in the Bronx last season, is now the most versatile player on the bench. When everyone is healthy—a time that could be a ways away—the Yankees will have the role players to fill in for a game or two.

Despite the strength that this team shows on paper, questions still remain. Who will lead the team? Mattingly has retired, at least for this season. The focus has turned to third baseman Wade Boggs to step up and lead the team. He has remained quiet and done his job with great success in New York. Many have said that it is time for Boggs to break out, now that he is no longer in Donnie Baseball's shadow. Boggs, however, contends that the Yankees will be lead by several veteran players—himself included.

Others on the list are New York press favorite and team spokesman, David Cone, Jimmy Key (whose stock has risen to gold after making good on a point-blank statement eight months before he picked up a ball that he would return), and soft spoken Paul O'Neill who is an intense competitor, committed to winning, and is respected by everyone.

The Yankees open the season Monday on the road, in what could be a preview of the American League Championship Series, against the defending American League Champion Cleveland Indians. The Yankees home opener is on Tuesday, April 9th against Kansas City. If Torre starts the season with a six man rotation, David Cone will throw the first pitch in the Bronx this season. If not, Kenny Rogers will get introduced for the first time in pinstripes before the greatest fans in baseball.

What does this season hold? Our predictions: Steinbrenner now has more time than ever to mettle in the team's affairs and will certainly be breathing heat down the backs of new GM Bob Watson and manager Joe Torre. The Yankees have lost a lot but have gained a lot in exchange. They have assembled the best pitching staff in the league which will be the difference as they capture the toughest division in baseball. Here's a long shot—if the Yankees look great three quarters of the way through the season, Don Mattingly will be back to come off the bench and fill the rest of the empty seats in Yankee Stadium.



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David Cone will be called on to lead the best staff in baseball.

This Week In Hamilton Sports

Go Conts!	Men's Baseball	Men's Golf	Men's Lacrosse	Women's Lacrosse	Men's Tennis	Women's Softball	Track & Field
Friday March 29			Potsdam 4:00 p.m.				
Saturday March 30					Bates Invitational 9 a.m.	RIT (2) 1:00 p.m.	Rochester Noon
Sunday March 31							
Monday April 1							
Tuesday April 2				Ithaca 4:00 p.m.	Rensselaer 3:30 p.m.		
Wednesday April 3						SUNY-Utica (2) 4:00 p.m.	
Thursday April 4			Keuka 4:00 p.m.	Skidmore 3:30 p.m.	Skidmore 3:30 p.m.		
Friday April 5	Rensselaer (2) 1:00 p.m.						

Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely tan all-expensepaid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Mark Granovsky, as well as their picture in *The Spectator.*

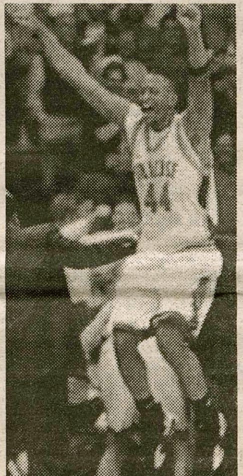
Specially Selected Sporting Events	Mark Granovsky *Spectator Sports Editor*	Oren Rawls *Spectator Sports Editor*	Jason Santarcangelo *Associate Editor*	Damon Lopez O'Dwyer *Associate Editor*	Jon Tucker *First-year Guest #8*
	Last Week: 8-4 To date: 54-33	Last Week: 7-5 To date: 59-28	Last Week: 8-4 To date: 62-25	Last Week:7-5 To Date: 52-35	**Previous Guest: Dave Townsend 7-6**
NBA					
Orlando at Toronto	Orlando	Orlando	Orlando	Orlando	Orlando
New Jersey at New York	New York	New York	New York	New York	New York
Boston at Philadelphia	Boston	Boston	Boston	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Washington at Miami	Washington	Washington	Miami	Washington	Miami
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta	L.A.	L.A.	L.A.	L.A.	L.A.
Indiana at Minnesota	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
San Antonio at Dallas	San Antonio	San Antonio	San Antonio	San Antonio	San Antonio
Vancouver at Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah
Milwaukee at Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix
Charlotte at Sacramento	Charlotte	Charlotte	Charlotte	Charlotte	Charlotte
NHL					
Ottawa at Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington
Anaheim at San Jose	Anaheim	Anaheim	Anaheim	Anaheim	Anaheim

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name; then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator.* Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Stephon, Lorenzen: Stay in school, follow Wallace

TripMacCracken Scorecard

According to Thursday's *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Stephon Marbury is leaving for the NBA. Come on... Stephon, you can flash and dance, but come on, you're not ready for the next level just yet. Kenny Anderson left G-Tech after his sophomore year and then proceeded to sit on the bench in the NBA for the next two, when he could have been refining and improving his game on the court. Was he better off? Was his game better off? I think not. Furthermore, Anderson was better when he left school than you are now, Stephon. Do you want to ride pine and struggle like Anderson did? Stay in school. Work on your jumper, and work on your strength. Are you telling me that you were dominant your freshman year? No way. I know–you scored over 18 points a game during the season, and over 20 a game during the NCAA tournament. But you know as well as I do that those totals will only get higher if you stay. Plus, you said earlier that you wouldn't leave unless you were assured of being a top-five pick. With names like Kittles, John Wallace, Duncan, Camby, and Ray Allen also potentially in the draft, you certainly aren't a lock for the top five. I know you said all along that you were leaving after one or two years, but you're just not ready yet. I also realize that you're chasing your dream of playing in the NBA, but is simply getting there enough for you? Don't you want to excel? Stay and your chances of becoming a star certainly don't go downhill.



John Wallace

And as for you, Lorenzen Wright, just because you're 6 foot 11 inches doesn't mean you won't benefit from two more years in school either. Your name (although, granted, not your game) is reminiscent of Luther Wright, who left school early a few years ago for the millions of the NBA before he'd even averaged 10 points a game in college. That Wright was a first-rounder for the Jazz back in the early '90's, but now he's in a mental institution, having been bounced from the NBA within three years. Don't make the same mistake he did. You, like Stephon, haven't dominated at the college level yet. I know the money's attractive, but it'll be there for you when you're ready, probably even more of it than there is now.

As you can see, I'm kind of disturbed by these underclassmen leaving school early for the promise of NBA millions. Why? Leaving early has demonstrated that it can hurt a player's development. For example, if seven-footer Yinka Dare had stayed at GW for his last two years, he would have become a Dikembe Mutombo type of player– a defensive force in the NBA, rather than the bench-warmer he is now. He never got a chance to really develop his skills and gain confidence. The team that drafted him hasn't developed him. So, he's sitting on the bench night in and night out. Worse yet, think about the guys like Scotty Thurman and Anderson Hunt, who left school early and didn't even make it in the NBA. Am I saying that Wright and Marbury won't stick in the NBA? No. But, let's face it, both of these guys need more seasoning. If they stayed in school, their careers certainly wouldn't be shortened, but if they leave, precedent shows that they might be. Stay or go, the money will be there for them when it is their time–as will the desire for their services.

Take the case of Syracuse's John Wallace. Wallace's emergence this year as a force and a leader for the Orangemen certainly didn't hurt his career. In fact, he gained confidence in himself and demonstrated to the NBA scouts that he can be a dominant player in college, which he hadn't shown before. Sure, Wallace could've been a top pick last year, but he realized that he had to improve his game before he was ready for the next level of competition. He saw the difference between being drafted in the NBA and being fully ready to play in the NBA, since the NBA often drafts on potential. He realized, quite wisely, that the money would be there in a year, and that he needed to take care of some unfinished business. He showed some restraint, demonstrating maturity. If Marbury, Wright, and others exercised such restraint, they'd become better players, first and foremost, because they'd be playing against competition which was more suited to their development than they'll find in the NBA. Also, they'd be playing all the time, which is not guaranteed by any means after they jump from the college game.

Moreover, from a fan's perspective, the departure of the underclassmen kills the college game. I know, I know, it's been beaten over the head already, but think of how good North Carolina would have been this year if Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace had stayed another year. And imagine Maryland with Joe Smith. Both of these teams would have certainly had a solid shot at the Final Four. In fact, Maryland with Smith would be only slightly less talented than UMass with Marcus Camby. How about Cal with Jason Kidd, who would still be just a senior, paired with freshman sensation Shareef Abdur-Rahim. Each of these scenarios didn't happen this year, though, and the NCAA season and championship tournament were both demonstrably weaker and less interesting as a result.

So, Stephon and Lorenzen, I urge you to reconsider. You'll be doing yourselves, your schools, and college hoops fans around the country a great service. I realize that you're both chasing your dreams, but wait awhile. The money will still be there for you in the end. I promise.

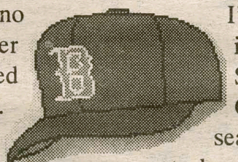
Countdown to opening day and the long, hot summer

MARK GRANOVSKY
THE BATTING CAGE

Welcome back from spring break. Despite my eyes glued to the March Madness tournament, I managed to watch some major league baseball on ESPN. March is a strange month for the sport of baseball. Anticipation is high for the near season and things are in limbo. Rosters face cut-downs, muscles are toned, and the weather in the north moves from gloom to bloom. And the Red Sox disappoint us once again.

I apologize for the sarcasm. The Red Sox will never live the unexamined life and the ides of March foreshadow the next seven months. For those who think that Spring Training does not count in MLB, please explain to the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald. A recent eight-game losing streak gained heavy coverage in these newspapers. Roger Clemens and Mo Vaughn gain more coverage for what they do off the field than on. Clemens followed the wrong directions to a spring training game earlier this month. It became one of the cover stories on Channel 4 news in Boston. No one said playing here is easy.

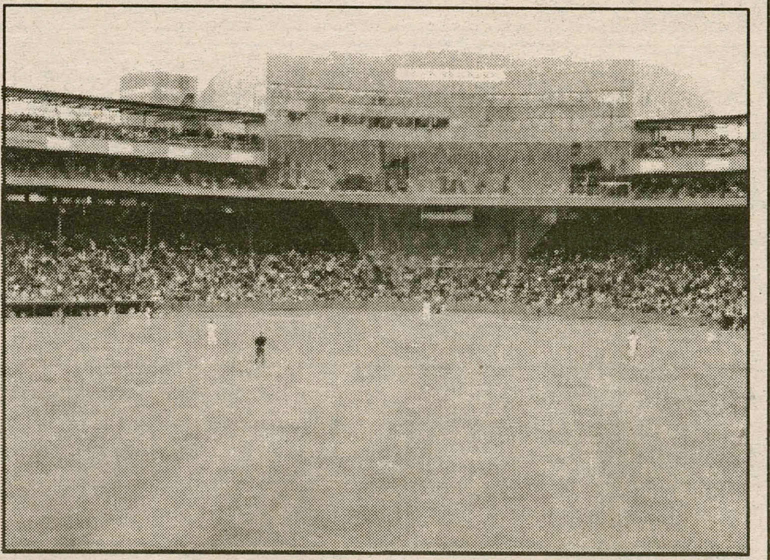
Success is not enough in Boston. Impatience is everywhere. If you think drivers in Massachusetts are bad, try attending a game at Fenway Park when the Red Sox are struggling. Globe columnist extraordinaire Bob Ryan has described the "Red Sox complex" that is the epitome of baseball fans in New England. Ryan describes the fan as a self-centered masochist who watches the Red Sox only in relation to himself. In otherwords, he says that "The fan says 'They lose because they don't like me, they don't like my wife and children.'" That funny-scary line is the complex that shapes and torture lives. It's not healthy, but it is part of the Curse of the Bambino (Don't ask-that's another column in itself). The Red Sox fan is not unnoticed. The late A. Bartlett Giamatti–former president of Yale; former U.S. President George Bush; actor & comedian Dennis Leary; as well as Pulitzer Prize winner George Will have long acknowledged their status as fans. Misery loves company and it is wonderful to be in this company.



The 1996 season, like every other, has weird vibes surrounding it. It marks ten years since the Red Sox lost the World Series to the New York Mets in seven games. 1996 is fifty years since the Red Sox lost the World Series in seven games to the St. Louis Browns. As you can see from the pattern, years ending in six are heartbreakers for the Sox. The BoSox were outstanding last season finishing first in the American League East before losing to the Indians. Nothing less than first in the Al East is expected once again.

Can they do it? The offense looks incredible with power hitters John Valentin, Mike Greenwell, and Jose Cancseco in the lineup. Mo Vaughn, the 1995 MVP, will be hitting clean-up and looks incredible in spring training. Tim Naehring, with a lifetime average of .307, is hitting ninth. I'm worried about the pitching with the return of Aaron Sele and newcomer Tom Gordon on the mound. This season could be a monster or a turkey. I want the best, but the Red Sox have a habit to look better on paper than on the field.

Why should I care how one team does for 162 games? For those readers who are concerned about me, I would like them to know that I am fine. Baseball is important to me for things are never boring. The rules are always the same, but nothing else is.



Fans see this view from the bleachers at Fenway Park.

There is no time limit in the game, two teams merely play nine innings. The game could last two or five hours. It is one of the few sports I know of that plays outdoors in snow, wind, rain, and heat for eight months. Baseball allows the worst seats to be the best place to see the game. I was recently talking with someone how great the bleachers are at Fenway Park. Seeing the game on the field is secondary, the crowd shapes the experience. I have had a great time simply talking to the other fans around me about subjects other than the game on the field. The sounds of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and the National Anthem carry special resonance whenever I am at a game. As a fan, I become the sport and the sport becomes me.

Good luck to Hamilton athletes this season. For those curious, the home opener of the Red Sox is April 8th, 1996. I never count the first road trip of the year, so in my mind the Red Sox have a seven day waiting period. Let's hold our breath and see what happens. That's all the team can expect from the fans. Get ready for an interesting season.

See you next time in the Cage.

Track out of blocks for outdoor season

BY MATTHEW NOLAN '98
SPORTS WRITER

Back from spring break the Conts runners, jumpers and throwers have returned to take on a multitude of foes as they compete this spring. To begin the team travels to the University of Rochester for a small invitational style meet in which the Hamiltonians face the likes of U. of Rochester, Fredonia, and Alfred.

Coming off a week of successful practices both indoor and outdoor as a result of the variable weather, the team is geared up to perform well in their first meet of the outdoor campaign. Yet the team is still hampered by several nagging injuries as well as new problems.

Having lost freshman Andy Cook to a broken foot long before the indoor season started the Conts were already at a loss. But coming off strong indoor seasons first year men Brian Giacometti, Dan Johnson, Joe Woods, and Kelby Valenti are looking ahead to the coming season with great anticipation. Under the careful guidance of Rob "Wheels" Whelan '98, and the watchful eye of Coach Nadine, the men look to perfect their handoffs for the 4x100 meter relay.

Kicking Phil Jennings '99 up to the 1500 for Saturday's meet Coach Brett Hull shakes things up from the roster seen during the indoor season. But Jennings has a tough hole to fill in the event as he runs the event usually dominated by Andrew Bomann '96.

The women's track team has been training with a combination of speed and distance running based on their competition. The sprinters, for example, have been training with a combination of technique and formwork. Co-Captain Cathy Michaels '96 sees the Saturday meet "as an opportunity to get their feet wet. Rochester has a good team and should give us a good run." Michaels will compete in the 3,000 this Saturday.

What does a runner do physically to prepare for gameday? "Try to get alot of sleep, eat well, and drink alot of fluids," explained Michaels. Co-Captain Tammy Koch '96 added that it is harder to run outdoors because of the volatile weather. "The conditions are worse outdoor in the early part of the season." With spring fever in the air and discipline needed in track it is important to have a great work ethic in track. "I try to lead by example and I think people will do individually this Saturday," remarked Koch.

Players that deserve special attention this spring are newcomers Katie Wasilenko '99 and Kate McAuliffe '99, Adrianne Levin '96, and particularly Kate Dalke '98 returning from an injured season.

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Track begins its outdoor season at Rochester on Sunday.

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Softball ends March 3-4

By Megan Rich '99
Sports Writer

Over spring break the Hamilton softball team traveled to Fort Myers, Florida for a week of competition and team unification. The team played seven games while in Florida, and obtained a record of 3-4, including was 2-2 in the Nescac Conference.

The team's victories came against Endicott College 4-2, Williams College 7-6, and Wesleyan University 9-3. The team lost to Tufts University 8-4, Amherst College 14-4, Wheaton College 8-7, and North Central College 10-1. Despite their record, Coach Melissa Hart sees the week as a learning experience which the team will build on throughout the season.

Hart feels that problems came about when the team made early mistakes in a game. She also believes that "the team was not hitting the ball as well as possible." Since the team had a week of vacation before they went away, they fell out of the routine they had established before break. It took them a while to get back into their schedule.

During their week in Florida, the Continentals faced tough pitching similar to what they will be expecting all season long. Coach Hart wants her players to "have a better frame of mind" and to be more confident when facing similar pitching situations in the future.

This year the softball team consists of sixteen players: five of whom are first-years and four new seniors . The team is led by co-captains Michelle Pickett '96 and Kristen Ring '96. Because of the great number of player changes from last year's roster, the team has to learn to work together as a team. There is an abundance of talent on the team and Coach Hart has a "good problem. Our team is deeper than the starting nine players. The bench could start as easily as the starters." During each day of competiton, the Continentals will face a doubleheader and Hart envisions the lineup changing from game to game.

Amongst the multi-talented team are a couple of players who are standouts. This year the team has two new catchers, Jen Moran '99 and Stacey Corbin '99. Coach Hart felt that both did a good job of playing their position down South.

Ring has been the starting pitcher for four years. Hart describes her as a "smart player with a lot of experience." Ring is an all around player who also plays shortstop if needed, and is a strong batter.

Pickett is a four year starter. In past seasons Pickett has played leftfield but has recently made the transition to centerfield. She is described as a "competitive, solid player who is a good hitter and expects a lot from the team."

The team will play a doubleheader at RIT for their season opener. Their first home game will be next Wednesday against SUNY-Utica..

Baseball opens in Grapefruit League

By Brian Green '96
Sports Writer

Hamilton's version of "the boys of summer" took on a vigorous schedule of ten games over six days in Cocoa Beach, Florida over Spring Break to compile a 4-6 record. After gaining only one win in the first four games, the team put together a string of three wins to claim an impressive 4-3 record going into the last three contests. Not surprisingly, fatigue took over as the team dropped the last three games of the trip to Albright, Luther, and Dickinson Colleges to end with the 4-6 record.

Despite the below .500 mark posted by the Continentals, head coach Mike Davis feels this years team has fine potential, boasting a line-up of solid veterans and a few rookies who have stepped into playing time right away.

In retrospect, Coach Davis was impressed with his pitching staff on the whole and commented on good defense and some flashes of great hitting from various players, including Aaron Simon '96, John Kowalczik '96, and shortstop Mike Peroni '99, who filled in well when he was called upon.

Other eye openers on the trip were Mike Estreicher '99, a third base rookie, and pitchers Joe Rowbottom and Ray Stevenson who posted a 1.93 ERA and a 0.82 ERA, respectively. Stevenson also notched one save in his eleven innings on the mound. Shawn Swistak '99 and Chris Bernardo '99 supplied promising pitching performances as well.

This season's squad is captained by first baseman Jason Tagliaferri, converted catcher Simon, and pitcher Kowalczik. Returning standouts Brian Guastella '98 and Sean Fay '98 will be relied upon for contributions at the plate and on the field as will Mike Perlman '98. After a brief hiatus in the schedule, the team will begin playing again on April 5th and 6th when they travel to RPI and Skidmore. These two double headers will give the team a chance to bump their record back up above .500 and put the rest of the season in full swing.

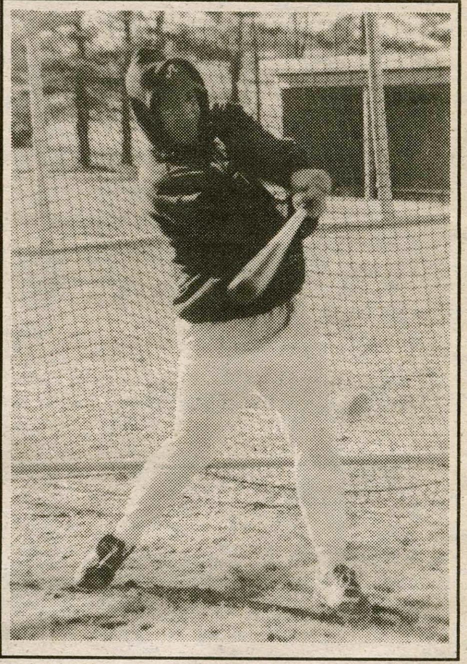

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Baseball is ready to reach .500 after a slow start in Florida.

Lax looks for April bloom

By Zane Murdock '99
Sports Writer

Hamilton's men's lacrosse team has the kind of players to do very well this season. While their record sits at 1-1, after an early win against Cabrini College (11-6) and loss this past Tuesday to Oneonta State (10-5), they think they have enough talent to aspire to one of the leagues better teams. With strong guidance by Captains Harry Taylor '96 and John Bomann '96, this team could turn around a program that has faced disappointment in the past two seasons.

In their opening game against Cabrini College, the team displayed its potential firepower exploding for eleven goals against a usually strong Cabrini team. Midfielder Bobby Hawkanson '98 netted six goals and was aided by Tommy White '98 who scored three times and also added an assist.

James Walsh '97 and Pat Hibbard '99 helped seal the game by each adding a goal. The defense, anchored by Taylor, Bomann, Mike Heffernan '98, and Hunter Marvel '96 , played consistently well throughout the game, and Goalie Judd Henderson '96 remained reliable in net with 10 saves.

Hamilton's trip to Oneonta on Tuesday turned out less favorably, wherein the team trailed by only one goal at half-time. However, they had trouble finding the back of the net in the second half in order to overcome their deficit. Bobby Hawkanson '98 and Tommy White '98 both scored twice in the loss and James Walsh '97 also added a goal. Goalie Henderson stopped Oneonta 18 times, but his gutsy performance in net could not stray the team from its first difficult loss.

Coach von Schiller believes this team can be a winner if they can capitalize on their opponents mistakes as they did in the first game. He said, "I think we have a formidable defense, all we need to do is score some goals to protect ourselves. There is definitely a great deal of young talent on this team, and with seven seniors we have the leadership that it takes to win games."

This seasons mid-fielders will be highlighted by Hawkanson, Zeb Ripple '96, Owen Hall '97, Whit McGraw '99, and Chris Massotto '98. Tommy White '98, Walsh, Matt Williamson '99, and Carl Fiore '96 will lead the Continentals attack. Freshmen and sophomores make up most of the teams players and if they can mature quickly Hamilton's team will be very competitive. Marvel asserts, "We have the players we need, we just have to put it all together."

With six of their next eleven opponents being nationally ranked, the road ahead for Hamilton will be very challenging. They play their next game today at 4 pm against Potsdam at home on Love Field.

Tennis serves up five first-years on squad

By Jeff Goralnick
Sports Writer

The Men's tennis team traveled south over spring break to the warm sunny skies of Hilton Head, South Carolina and began its season with five matches.

This year's team is a strong mixture of both returning players and new players, with 5 freshmen on the 10-man team. Steve Keyes-Grevelis, Ben Pinchin, Andrew Shoaff, Zane Murdock, and Courtney Harris make up this formidable fifty percent. Returning players include sophmores Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer, Jed Whitlock, and Greg Nussbaum, junior and co-captain JW Hobson, and senior co-captain Sam Walker.

Coach Scott Smith is also a newcomer to the Continental squad. He realizes that improving the caliber of Hamilton's already strong tennis program strategies may be more than a one year effort, but he is optimistic about the upcoming season.

In the six days at Hilton Head, the Continentals went 2-3. Though this may seem a dissapointing week, it was not without value as the time in Hilton Head was crucial in putting together pairings for doubles, and also to get everyone back on top of their games. Despite the three losses, the Continentals were able to put up some good fights as they worked to prepare for the busy month of April.

One such battle was with NESCAC rival Tufts University. Amid blustery winds, the Continentals battled in every match, taking 3 of the day's 9 matches to three sets. Though the individual matches were close, Tufts was able to come away with the win at each position except third singles, where the "victorymaker" Sam Walker prevailed in convincing fashion. The Continentals were victorious in a close match with Wheaton College that was decided by only one point. On this day, Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer was instrumental in the win, as he was the only man to win both his singles and doubles match, playing with freshman Andrew Shoaff who got his first call to varsity duty and rose to the occasion in fine fashion. Sam Walker '96 continued his unbeaten season with victories all week at the number 3 singles slot, and continued to improve upon his status as the winningest player in Hamilton history.

Walker not only leads the team on the court, but also off the court. As a co-captain with JW Hobson, he is an anchor to the team's morale. Both captains understand what it takes to win at this level and hope to impart this wisdom on the young team as the Continentals dive into the heart of their season. Hobson, playing in the number one spot, knows what to expect of his tough competition. In his second straight year playing number one, he is the best conditioned athlete on the team, and is a role model for the rest of the team as one of coach Smith's biggest goals is to improve the team's work ethic and conditioning. He is a strong believer in the idea that hard work wins tennis matches.

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Jed Whitlock is second seed.

One of the most talented players on the team is Jed Whitlock, who plays the number two spot. He can step up his game quickly against difficult competition, as he showed in his exciting run to the semifinals of the NESCAC tournament last spring. Whitlock has returned smarter and sharper based on his experiences last spring and hopes to be an important contributer to this year's team.

Greg Nussbaum has been playing consistent singles as usual. With his steady backcourt game and lethal forehand, his calm on-court demeanor and quiet, yet strong drive to win, he is a great frustration to his opponents. Steve Keyes-Grevelis is coming off of the recent squash season, but seems to be hitting the ball better after a sobering week in Hilton Head. His style of play with uncanny use of spins and angles makes his serve and volley attack very tough to beat when he is on his game. The team needs for Keyes-Grevelis to be hot this spring.

This weekend, the Continentals travel to Maine for the Bates Invitational where the Continentals will take on Bates, Bowdoin, and Coast Guard. Bates will likely be a difficult match, as the Bobcats are ranked 6th in the east and in the top 20 nationally. Of the ten members of the team, seven will travel. Ben Pinchin is not able to travel this weekend, so Andrew Shoaff will play in his place with Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer at the number three doubles spot.

Team members are optimistic about the matches this weekend. "The Maine weekend is traditionally a tough one, but if we show up in the right frame of mind anything can happen," commented Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer. Look for the Continentals to step up their game and while they strive for the recognition that a national ranking would bring.